

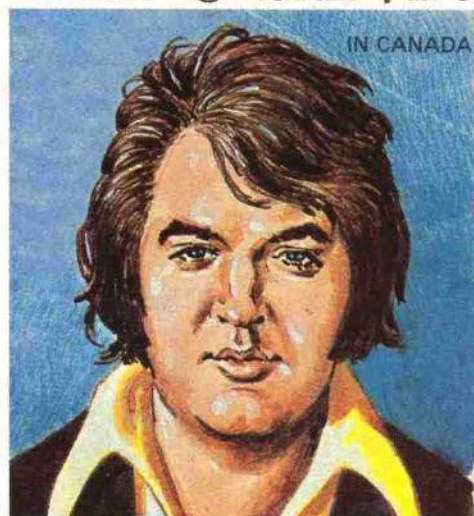
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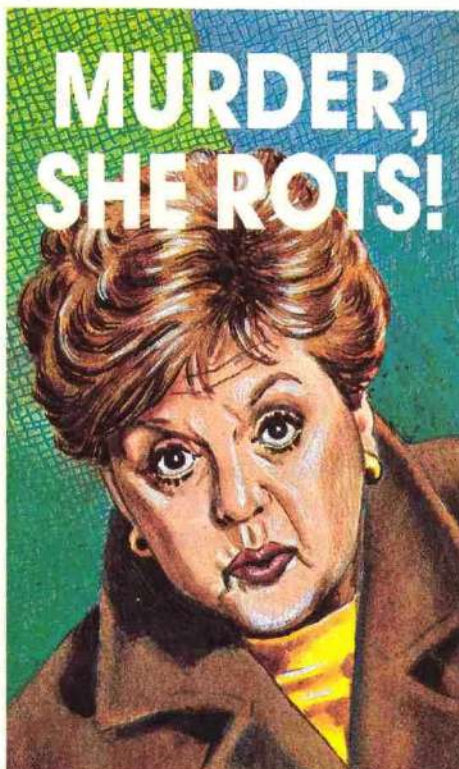


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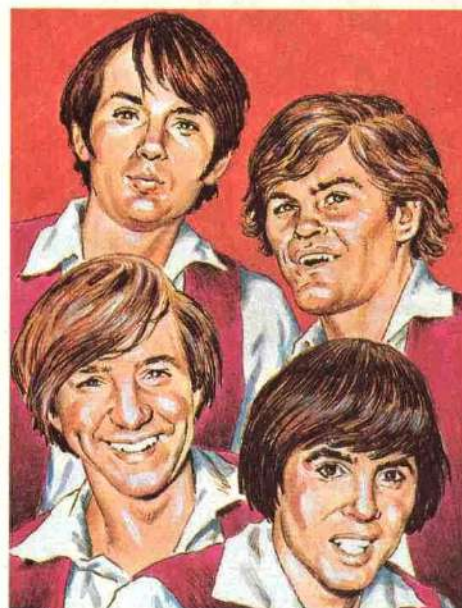
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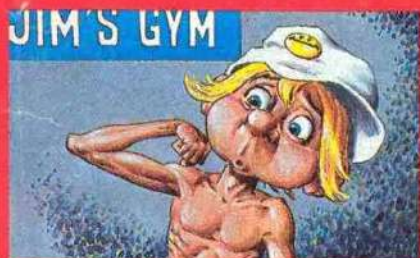
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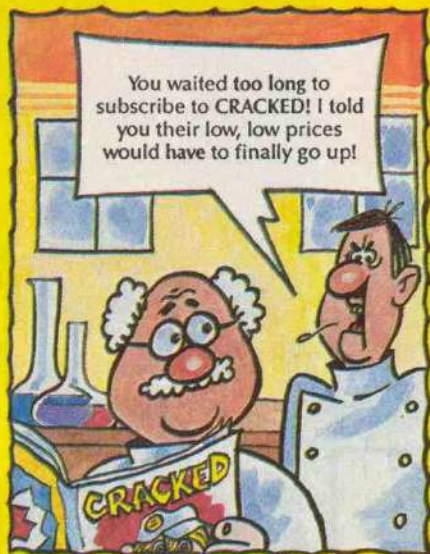
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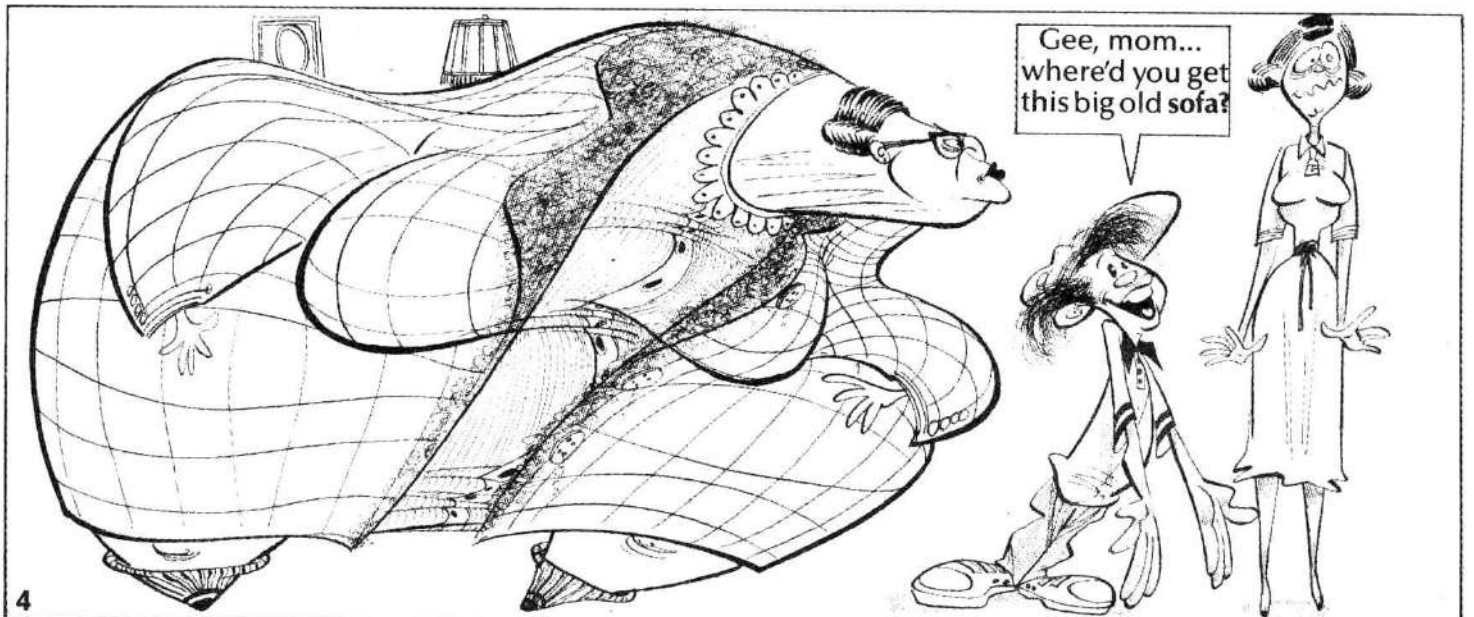
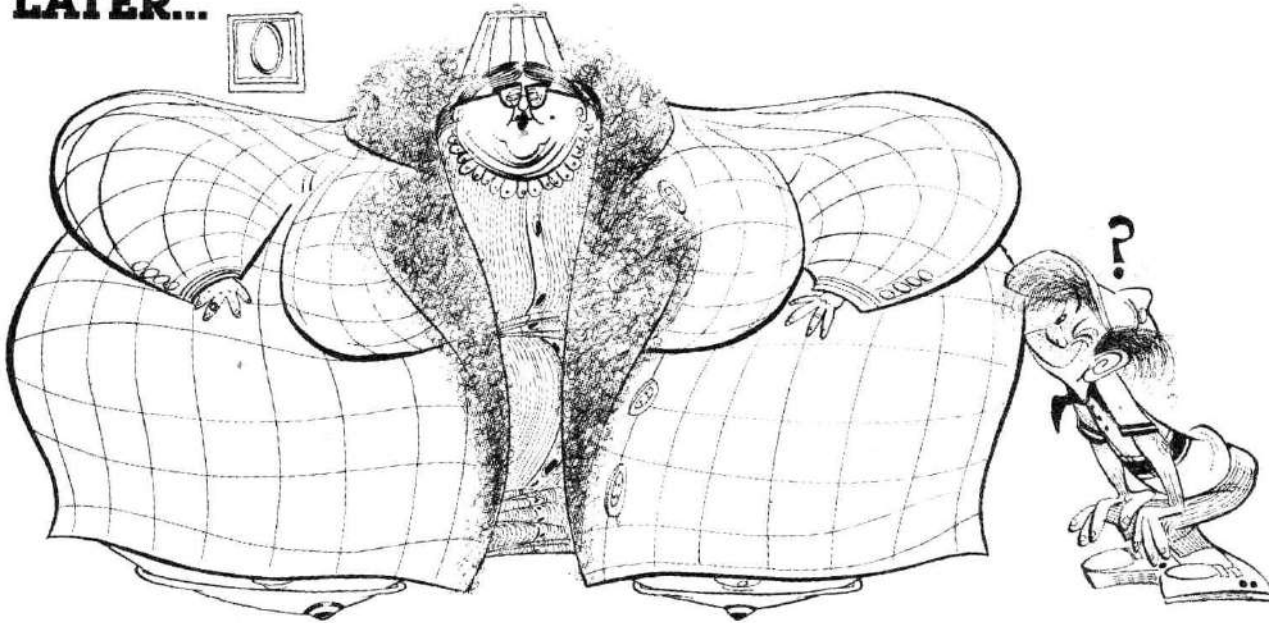
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A WEIGHTY MATTER!



LATER...



Ever wonder WHY current TV shows are so AWFUL? Well, it isn't just an ACCIDENT, you know! A lot of TIME, THOUGHT and EFFORT goes into making those shows as BAD as they are! Here's a step-by-step illustrated guide on how this process works:

THE CREATION OF A HIT TV SHOW!

PETER BAGGE writer JOHN SEVERIN artist

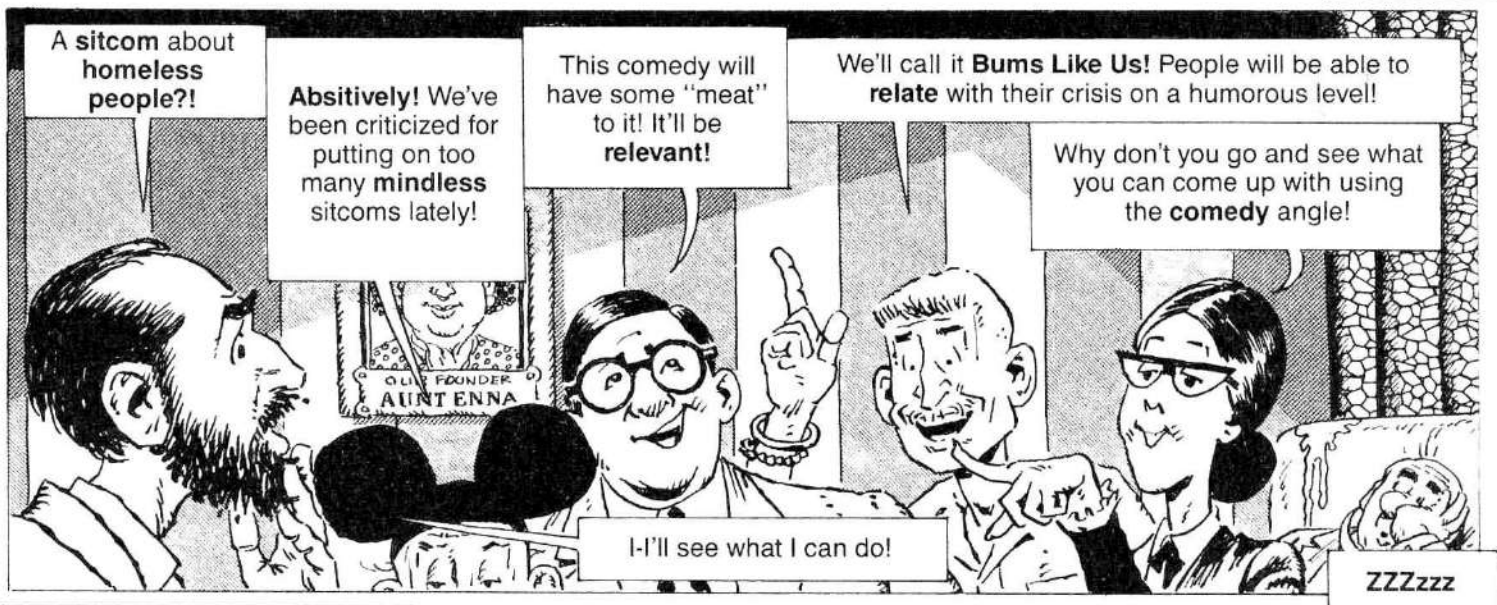
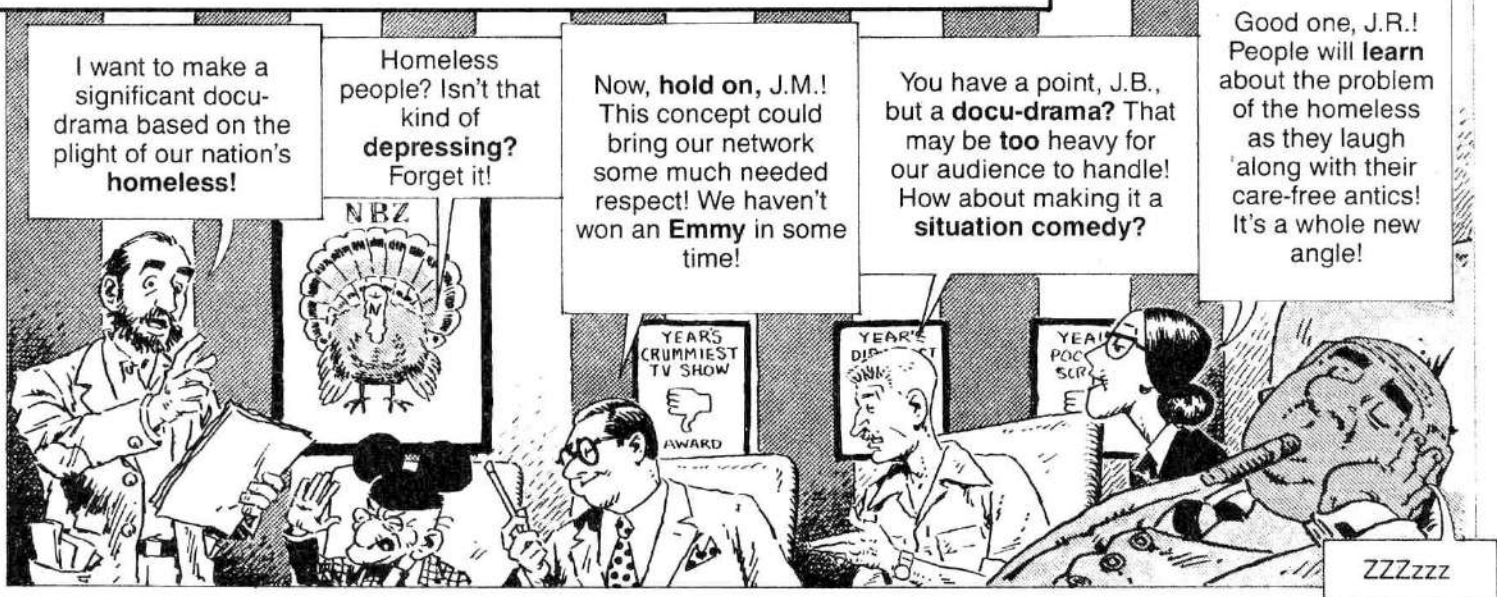


STEP ONE: "The Pitch" In order to sell an idea for a show (or make a "pitch") one first needs a "pitcher"... a show's CREATOR! All one needs to be a creator is to have a little imagination and a LOT of persistence!

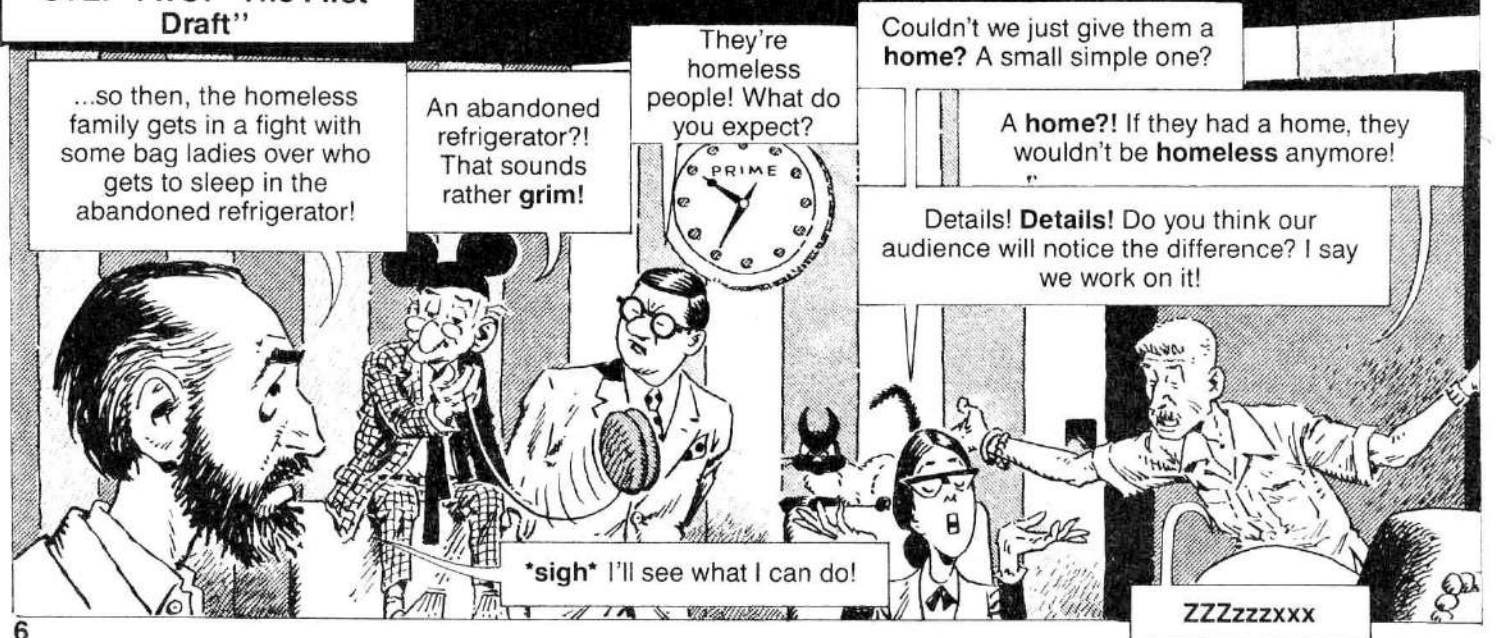


Next, we need the "pitchees" or the network big-wigs! Just WHAT job each big shot DOES, no one knows! HOW they qualify for the job, no one knows! Whether they are HUMANS or ALIENS, no one knows! So, NEEDLESS to say, they are the MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE in the TELEVISION INDUSTRY!!

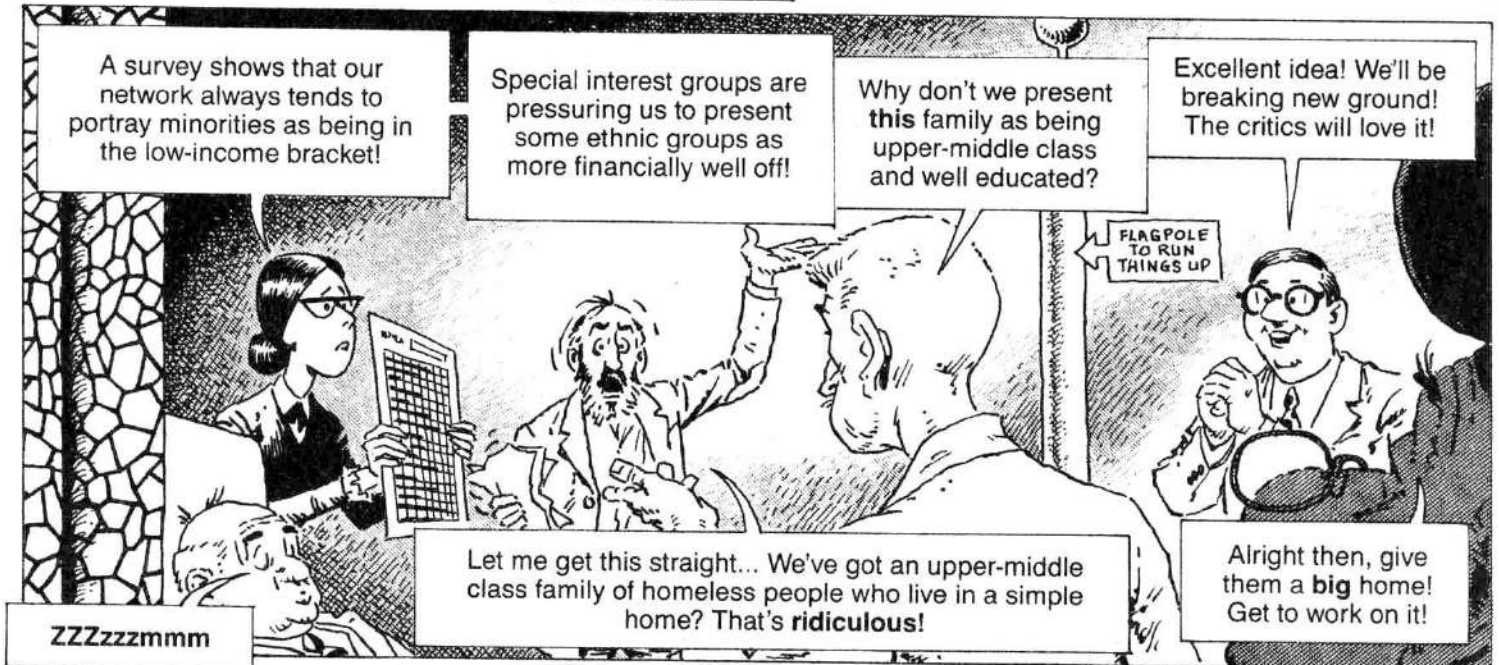
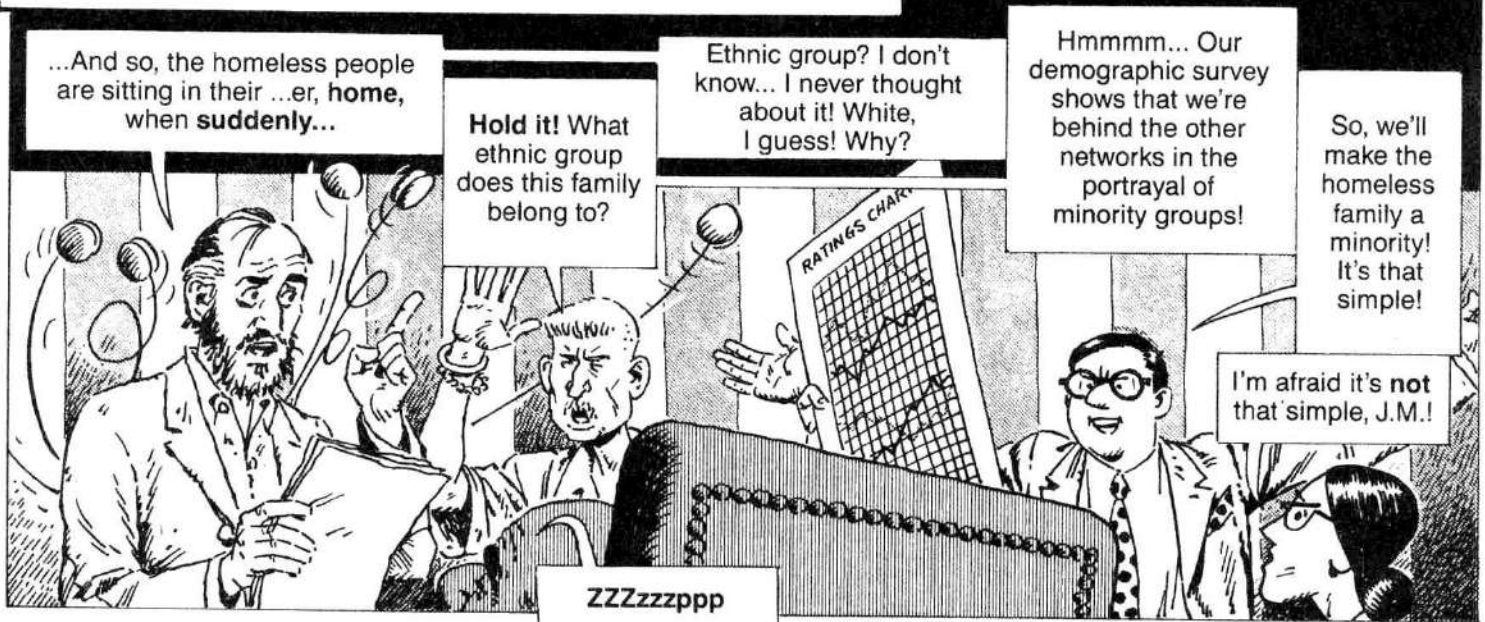
The creator next tries to convince the big guys to produce his idea for a TV show. It may even be a **GOOD** idea with much merit!



STEP TWO: "The First Draft"



STEP THREE: "The Second, Third, Fourth & Fifth Draft"



STEP FOUR: "Final Concept & Script Approval"



They'd like to see the entire cast dressed to the teeth in their latest high-priced fashions.

Because of rising unemployment, consumers are not buying much. It's the sponsors' hope to provoke the viewers into spending their last cents on useless clothes and products they can't really afford!

Good grief! Everyone is going to wind up homeless, except the people on the show!

STEP FIVE: "Final Casting"

All actors trying out for the role of the father in **Bums Like Us**, step to the right!

Forget it, J.O.! Send them all home! We've got a new problem...!

No, no!! Now what?!

The network heads and sponsors started getting cold feet about producing this show!

To insure good ratings, they decided they wanted a **big name** star to play the father... someone they could name the show after!

Yes, and he's already agreed to do it!

BILL COSBY?!!

That's right, but I **refuse** to play a **bum**! I want to be a doctor and my wife will be a lawyer and I want a psychiatrist to approve all scripts!

I want a jacuzzi in my dressing room, all the Jell-O, Coke and cigars I can consume and...

ZZZZzzzz

Okay, so it's **not** called **Bums Like Us** any more.. Do you have anyone in mind to star in it?

There you have it... the actual story behind the making of America's top-rated comedy hit! Pretty **AMAZING**, huh? Wow-wee!

Sin é

How DO those supermarket newspaper tabloids get all those amazing stories? Easy. . . they LIE . . . or at least STRETCH the truth, as illustrated by this typical front page plastered with headlines. . .

MAN FALLS ASLEEP IN NORWAY, WAKES UP IN JAPAN!

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MAN DISAPPEARS AFTER
STRUCK BY LIGHTNING!

MOM
GAVE
BIRTH
TO
GORILLA!



BOMB
GOES OFF
IN CROWDED
NIGHTCLUB!



INSANE MAN
BITES DOG!



MAN
TAPES
WIFE'S
MOUTH
SHUT!



FOR THE TRUTH BEHIND
THESE HEADLINES,
TURN THE PAGE!

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What the Headlines REALLY Mean:

writer RICHARD DOMINICK artist AL SCADUTO

1



"I was so tired," says Oslo Muchsnow, a Norwegian businessman, "that I slept on the airplane all the way to Japan!" Muchsnow will be attending the

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2

After being kicked by the famous racehorse Lightning, jockey "Tiny" Feller decided to take a week off and go on vacation. "He didn't even call or anything!" says Lightning's owner. "He just up and disappeared on me and

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3



He may be the meanest wrestler in the world, but his mom still loves him! "I gave birth to Gorilla the Killer and I'm proud of it!" says the world-famous wrestler's mother, Mrs. Magilla. She also

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4

Stand-up comedian Melvin Smellman and his comedy act bombed on stage last week, causing the bored audience to leave in droves! The club manager said

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5



300 pound Harvey Phillips went off his diet yesterday when he stopped to buy a hot dog. "I just had to!" he said. "I haven't eaten anything for a week and I was going insane!"

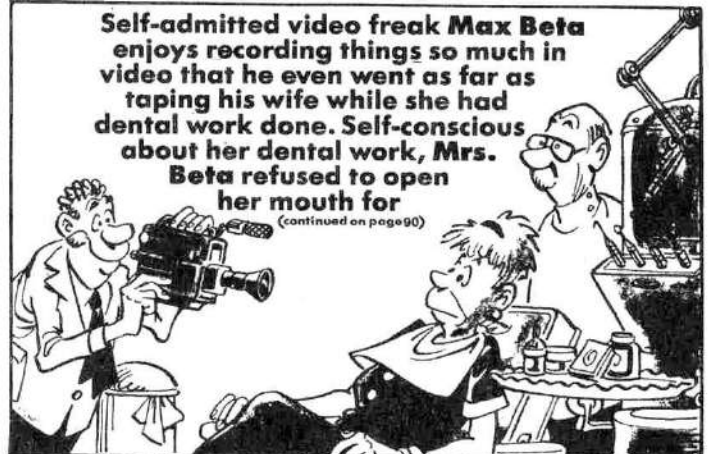
Major renovations will have to be made on the

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6

Self-admitted video freak Max Beta enjoys recording things so much in video that he even went as far as taping his wife while she had dental work done. Self-conscious about her dental work, Mrs. Beta refused to open

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LETTERS

Dear CRACKED,
I really like your One-Shots
and 'Puter Kids in issue
#228. I hope to see
more of them!

Michael Peek
San Jose CA

You will, Michael! ONE-SHOTS will be in most every issue and we'll try to scrape up some more 'PUTER KIDS!

Dear CRACKED,
Your magazine is the best
ever! I just got the remake
of CRACKED #1 from 1958
and I've been comparing
the old with the new. The
only thing that hasn't
changed much is
Sylvester! My favorite part
in all the issues are the
**Sylvester Celebrity
Posters.** I was wondering if
you guys could xerox all
portraits and send
them to me?

Willie Smith III
Catlett VA

**Some of the best
SYLVESTER PORTRAITS
are being reprinted in
the YEAR'S BEST
CRACKED COLLECTORS'
EDITION (#72)
on sale soon!**

Dear CRACKED,
I have 79 issues of
CRACKED and now I have
your 29th anniversary
special issue.

Congratulations, your
magazine's really the best!
Keep on sending the
magazine to Brazil and I
will keep buying them.
Also, keep on publishing
addresses of **Cracked Pen
Pals**, Okay?

Robson Oliveira
San Paulo BRAZIL

**The CRACKED PEN PALS
feature won't be in this
issue, but we'll have
twice as many
next issue!**

Dear CRACKED,
Your magazine isn't funny
at all! Why don't you guys
spend a few bucks and get
some talented writers? They
can't be that hard to come
by... Look, you guys have
the resourses...
don't blow it!

Toni Marsh
Cleveland OH

**Aren't you the same
person who suggested
COCA COLA get a
new formula?**

Dear CRACKED Editor
and Readers,
Did anyone know that
Sylvester P. Smythe has a
cousin? I was doing some
research and I found that
Sylvester has a cousin
named **A.A. Jones** who is a
B-movie director in New
Mexico! A picture is
enclosed...

Brian Kroeker
Ontario CAN



**SYLVESTER's missing
cousin?**

Dear CRACKED,
I demand more ugly
cartoons! I really enjoy
coming home from school
and reading your books! It's
really funny, awesome,
cool, well-drawn and
enjoyable for young and
old. I liked **Gunspeak** and
Frankenstein in your
Monster Party Digest. I
like your prices
too... **CHEAP!**

Tyrel Bartholomew
Newry ME

**Be sure to tune in next
issue for new laughs
with FRANKENSTEIN!**



Dear CRACKED,
I can never find your magazine anywhere. I'm always reading my cousin's copy and he lives real far away. Can I subscribe to CRACKED and have it sent to my house?

Woody Hunt
DesPlaines IL

Sure, and you can get it cheaper than on the newsstand! See our cool ad on the inside front cover!

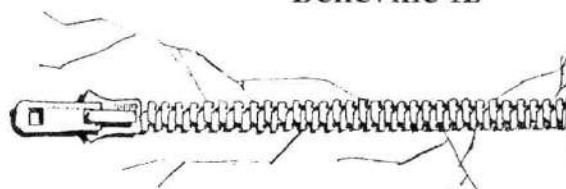
Dear CRACKED,
I loved your Russian CRACKED #227. Can you make some more Russian issues with more **Dougy Dugan** letters?

Carl Wilber
East Templeton MA

The American **DOUGY DUGAN LETTERS** will be appearing in future issues courtesy of **MIKE CARLIN** (who by the way is the editor of the **SUPERMAN** comics).

Dear CRACKED,
In issue #228 your version of **Pee-Wee Herman's Playhouse** was great! The **Shut-Ups** and **Hurry-Ups** were hilarious too! I also think you should get rid of 'Puter Kids and have more **Robot Wars**!

J. Koester
Belleville IL



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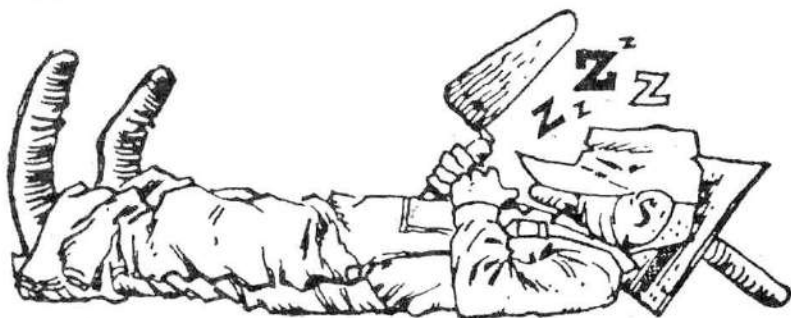
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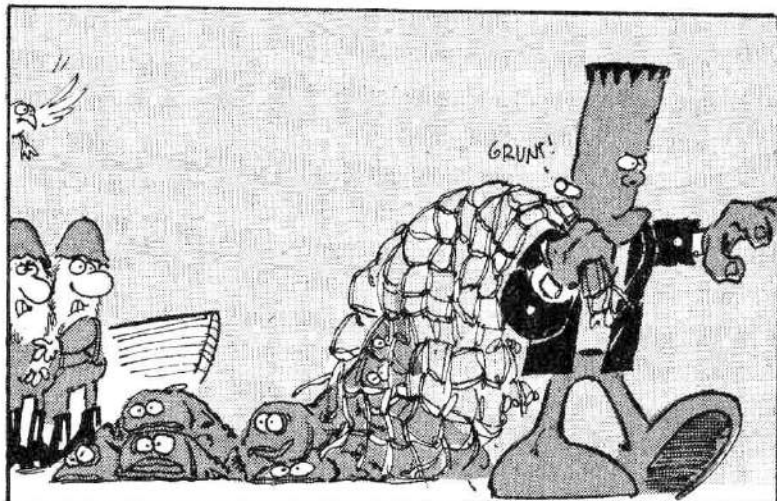
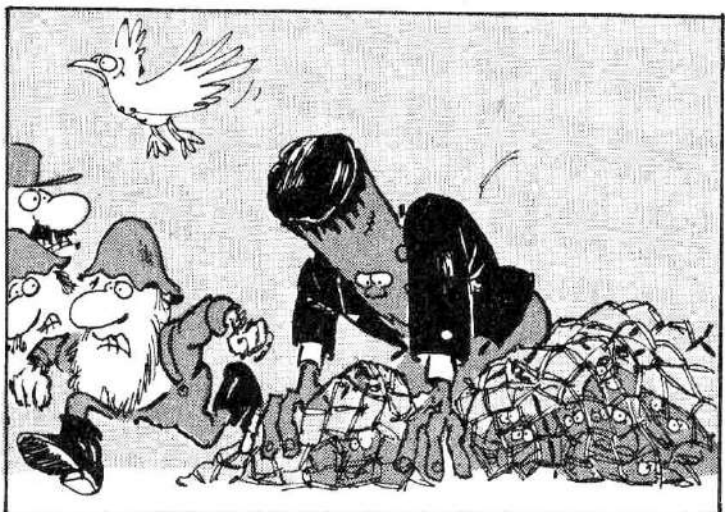


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CRACKED #231: A star-studded special with **HOLLYWOOD'S** biggest **SQUARES!** **NANNY DICKERING** interviews **VANNA WHITE!** We contest **GAME-SHOWS** and perfectly derange **PERFECT STRANGERS!** And the rest of the famous CRACKED features! The best value in laughs for \$1.35! On sale in early July!



ON THE BEACH!



Welcome to the **Feever** home! I'm **Gayson**, the father and creative genius behind this show! I wanted something **unique** on TV, so I came up with this revolutionary premise...a sitcom about a family!

I'm his wife, **Saggie**! Because this is such a revolutionary show, I work **out** of the house while Gayson, a doctor, works at **home**! Why, to find a **role reversal** like that on TV, you have to go all the way back to the **Cosby Show**!

My name is **Carrill** and I have an IQ of 186! My goal in life? To become a lawyer so that one day, I'll be able to get out of this crummy contract that keeps me stuck on this show!

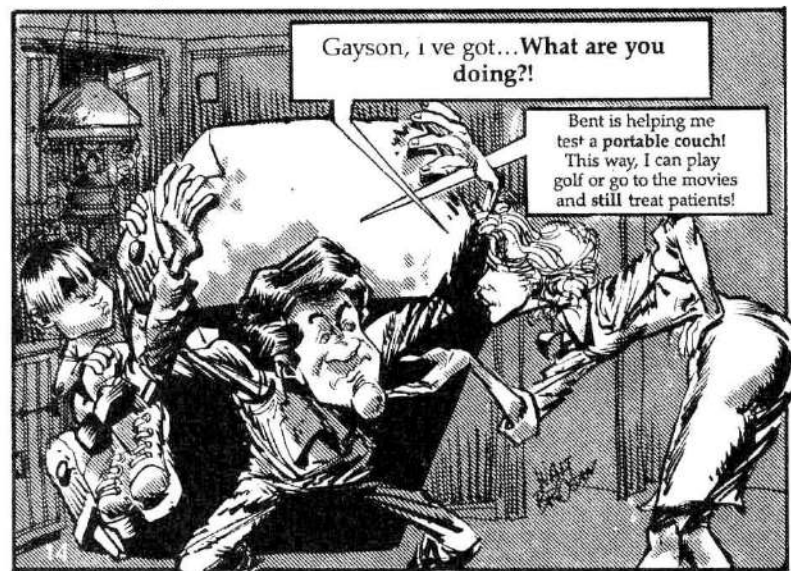
Hey! I'm **Geek**...teenage heartthrob and the reason most people tune into this show! I'm into dating, doing no work and conning my parents outta cash whenever I can! In other words, I'm another positive TV role model for the viewing teens!

I'm **Bent**, the "Tina Yothers" of the set! I'm not usually the focus of any episode and don't appear much! It's just as well since this sitcom is...



GROWING PAINFUL

writer **JOE CATALANO**
artist **WALLY BROGAN**



Gayson, I've got...What are you doing?!

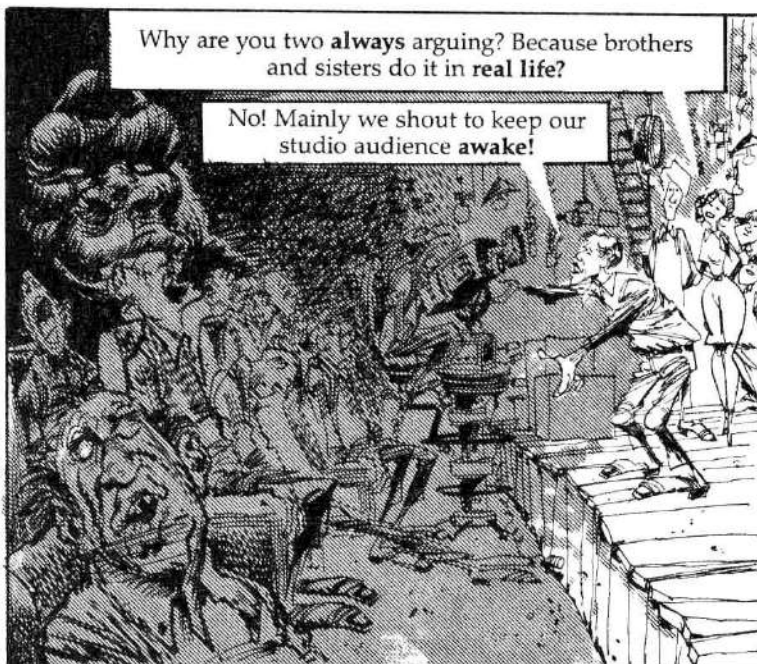
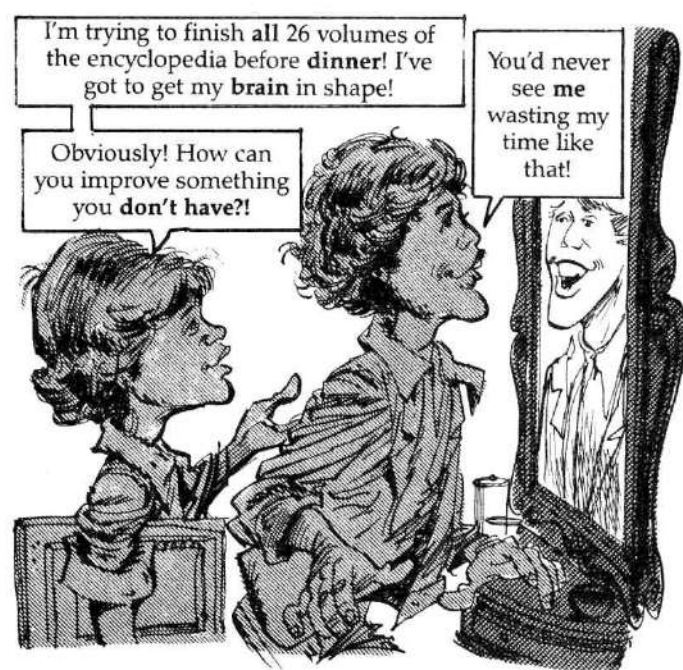
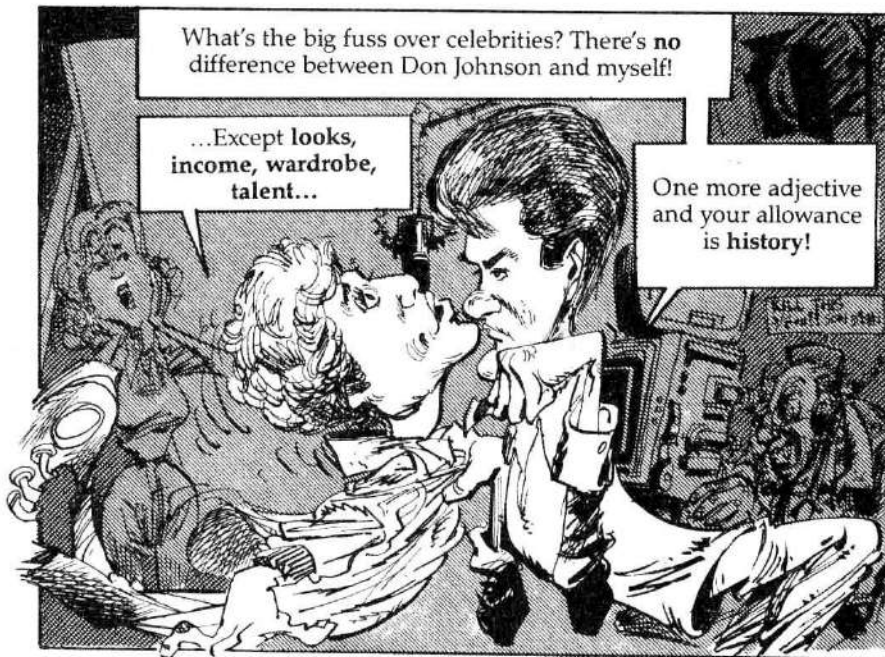
Bent is helping me test a portable couch! This way, I can play golf or go to the movies and still treat patients!



I've great news! I'm a finalist in the **Brain of the Year** competition!

Weren't you going to enter that, Geek?

Yeah, but they had really tough questions, like: **Name, Age and Address!**



SEVERAL
COMMERCIALS LATER...

You re-styled your
hair! I like it!

See what
happens
when you
study too
much?!

I fell asleep reading
volume 25 and woke up
with all my hair on the
floor!



Study **nothing**! It was
Bent!

So I was thinking about
future careers and I was
considering being a
punk hair stylist!



You made me look **ugly**!

Correction: Mom and
Dad made you look
ugly! It's **their** genes!

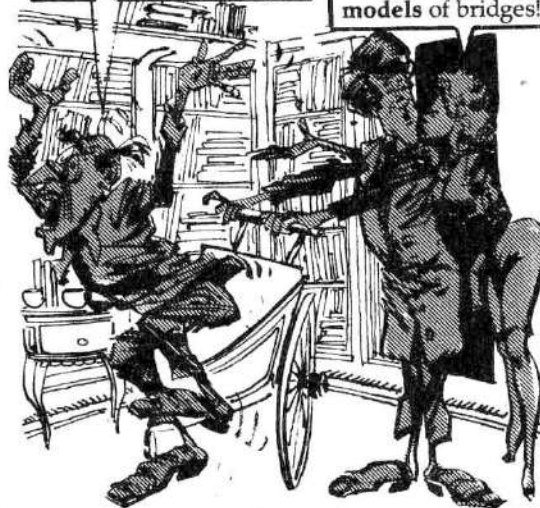


Doc, I get
this feeling
that everyone
is **ignoring**
me! Doc...

Huh? Were you talking
to me? Well, your
hour's about up...how
'bout leaving?



Hi, Saggie! I was just
testing another portable
couch! How was the
bridge club meeting?



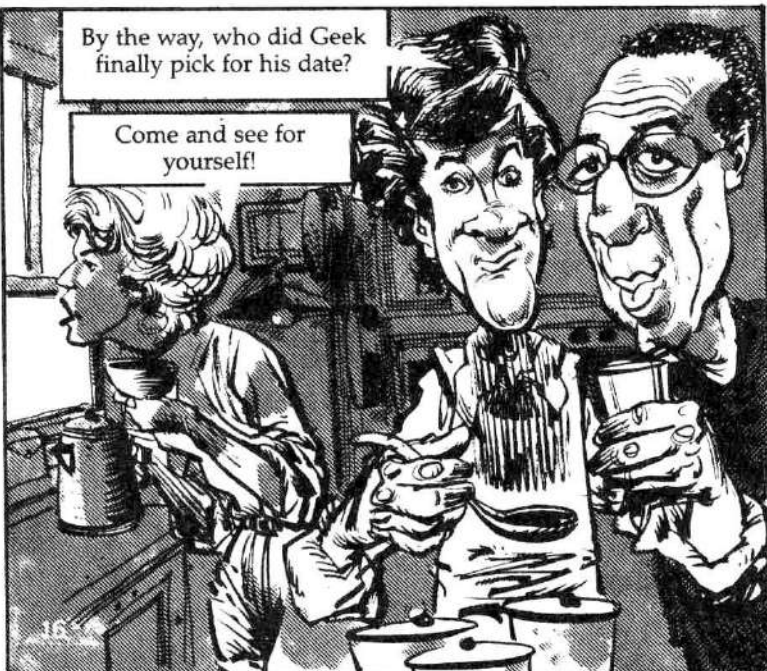
Horrible! First, it's
not a club that
plays bridge...it's
one that makes
models of bridges!

...And Don Johnson was **not** the
actor, but the toll collector for
the George Washington Bridge!



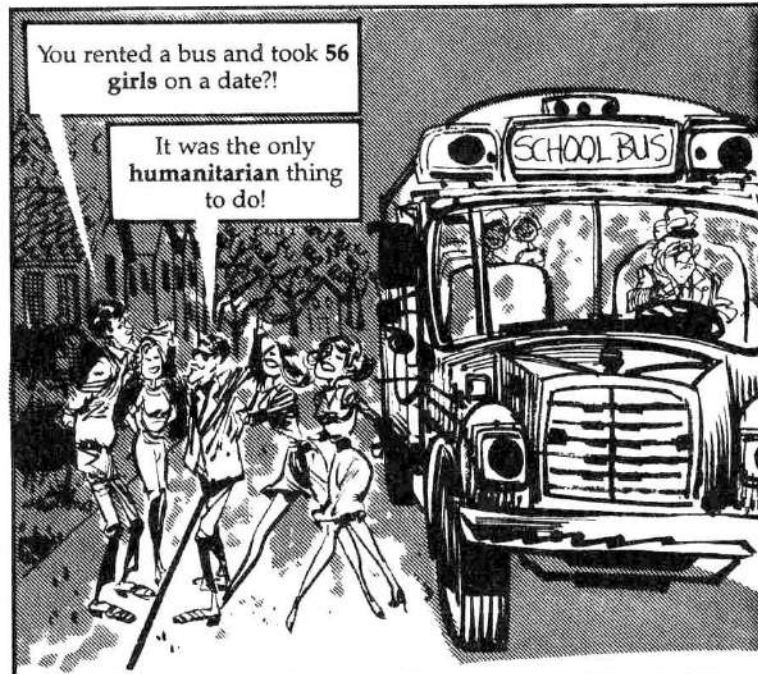
By the way, who did Geek
finally pick for his date?

Come and see for
yourself!



You rented a bus and took **56**
girls on a date?!

It was the only
humanitarian thing
to do!





Look! I won the Brain of the Year award!

Great! After you saute it with onions, we can have it for dinner!

I was just thinking...we sent Bent up to his room with no food or water several days ago! Maybe we should check in on him!



Nah! Let's leave it as a cliff-hanger for next week's show! They work pretty well for soap operas!



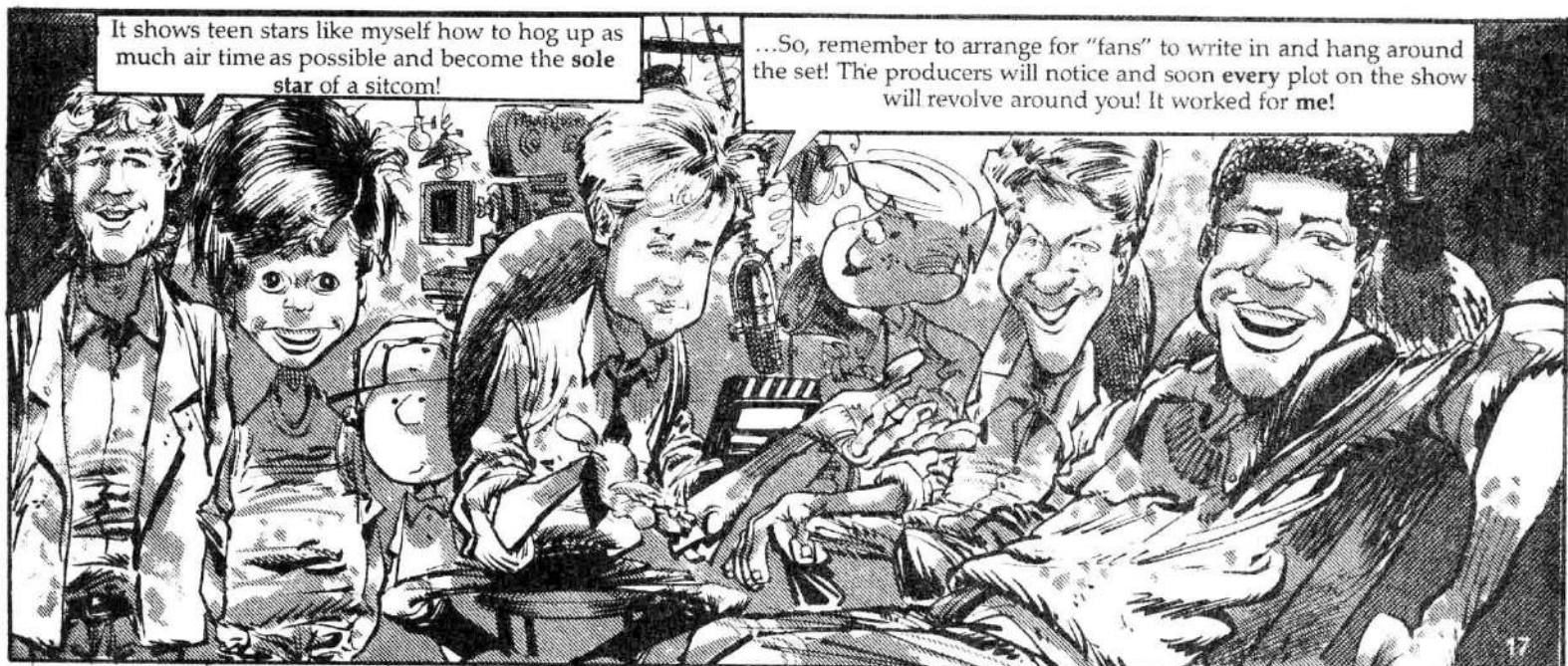
If this episode is all over now, may I be excused from the set? I've got to go to school!

You?! Go to school on your day off?! I can't believe it!



Sure! I'm going to a school that'll do more for me than any high school!

Namely, the Michael J. Fox School for Bit Actors!



It shows teen stars like myself how to hog up as much air time as possible and become the sole star of a sitcom!

...So, remember to arrange for "fans" to write in and hang around the set! The producers will notice and soon every plot on the show will revolve around you! It worked for me!

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Freemont CA

Simon Bennett
Alexandria VA

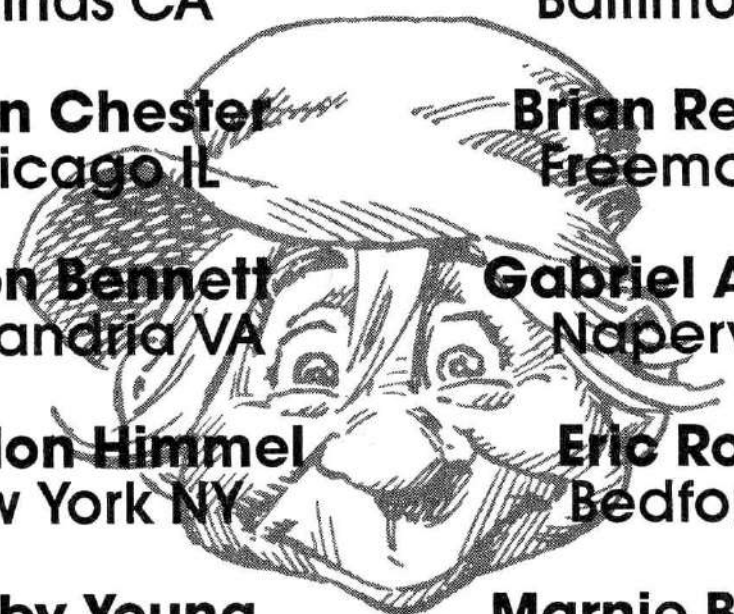
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Bedford VA

Robby Young
Lodi CA

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Bremerton WA



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Thousands of entries were sent in from all over the world by kids aged 9 to 49! Not suprisingly, your favorite artist was the amazing **JOHN SEVERIN!** John got over **four times** the votes as the closest runners-up: **STEVE DITKO, BILL WRAY** and **BOB FINGERMAN.** Hot on their heels were **ROB ORZECOWSKI, DON OREHEK** and **VIC MARTIN.** Your most favorite feature was the **SHUT UPS,** which got twice the votes as #2, The **UGGLY FAMILY!** Next were our **MOVIE SATIRES, HUDD & DINI, NANNY DICKERING,** then our **TV PARODIES, G.I. JOKE, BLUNDERCATS, ROBOT WAR** and **CRACKED LENS!** A lot of the things you wanted us to make fun of are being worked on and your suggestions (more pages, color and better paper) are being tried in some of our other **CRACKED** titles! Watch our **CRACKED COMING ATTRACTIONS** section for more info! Thanks again to all the fans who responded to our poll! You're the greatest!

Michael Delle-Femine
CRACKED Editor

**DIDN'T WIN and NEED A SUBSCRIPTION? CHECK OUT OUR AD ON THE
INSIDE COVER FOR A REAL BARGAIN!**

Scientists have already begun to transfer the genes from one species to another species with **STARTLING** results! Writer **GEORGE GLADIR** examines for **CRACKED** the infinite possibilities of...

DESIGNER GENES

By transferring the **elephant's** size and **nose** genes into a human embryo...

...we could produce a **super fireman** capable of putting out fires by himself!

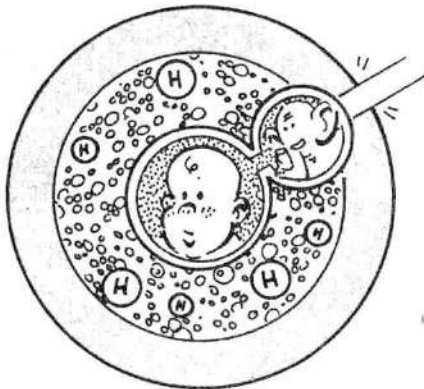
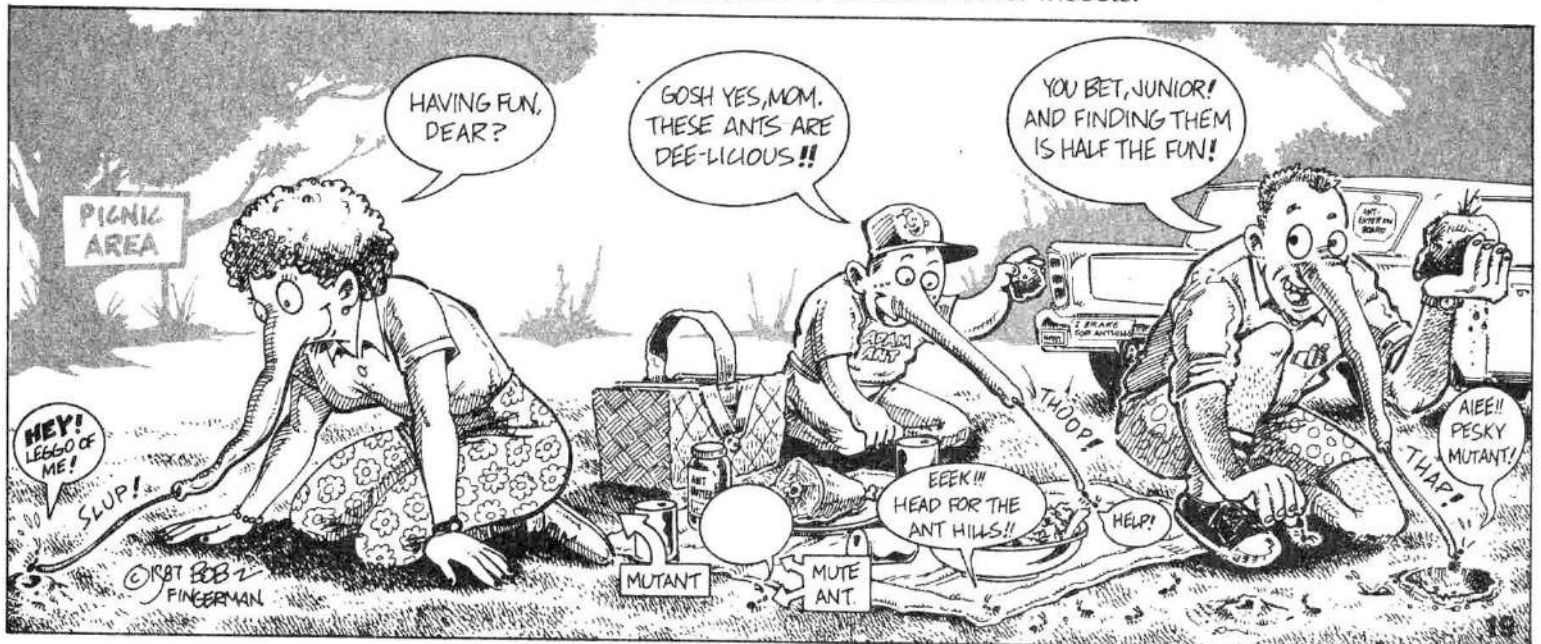


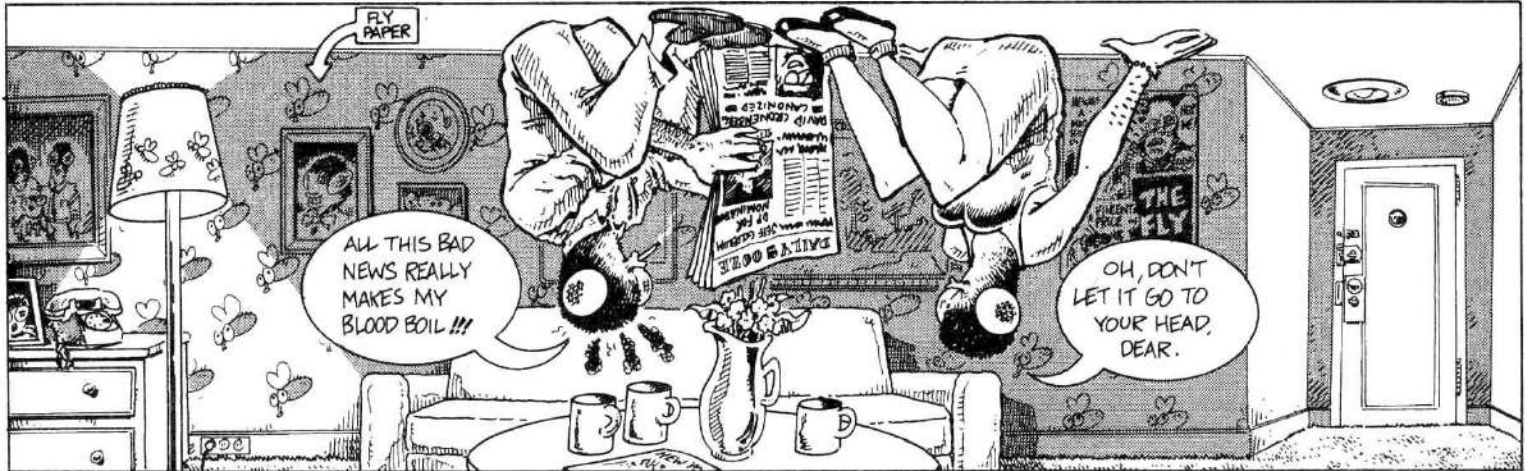
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By transferring the **anteater's** mouth and **tongue** genes to humans we could produce a race of **picnickers** who'd welcome the intrusion of ants and other insects!



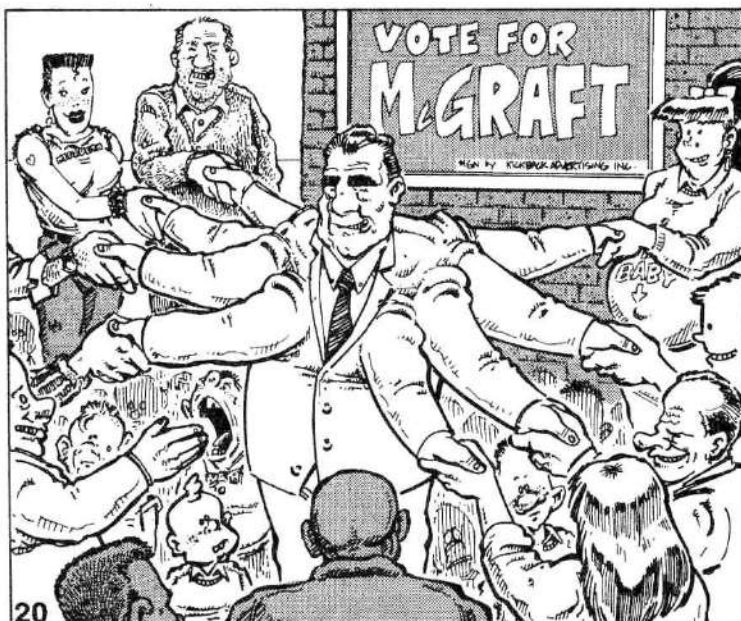
The movie **The Fly** concentrated on the **negative** aspects of grafting fly and human genes. **CRACKED** focuses on the **positive** aspects of such hybrids! Expensive carpets would never again have to be cleaned or vacuumed!



Fast food chains could operate successfully by merely installing a few seats around a trash bin!



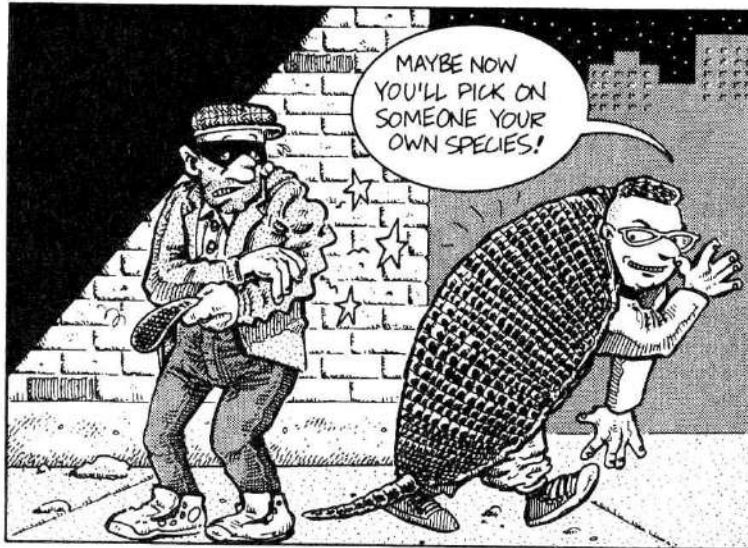
Combining the genes of a **human** and an **octopus** would enable campaigning **politicians** to shake more hands!



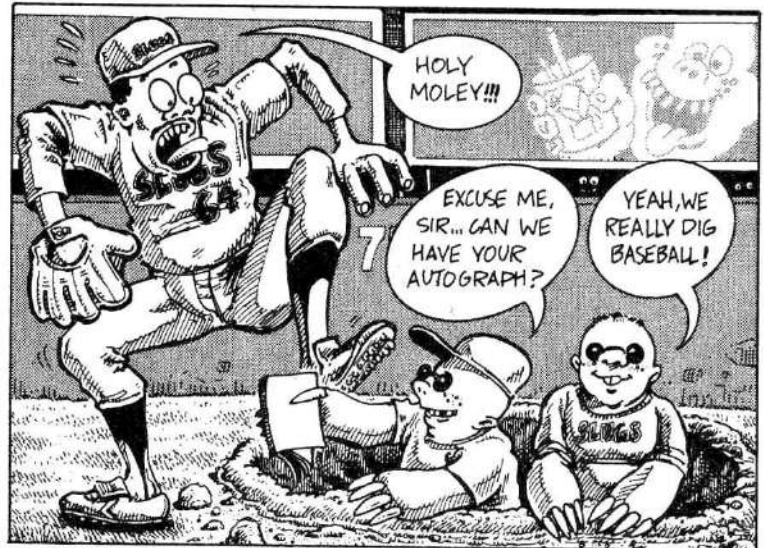
...And would enable **Rambo**-types to wreak even more havoc!



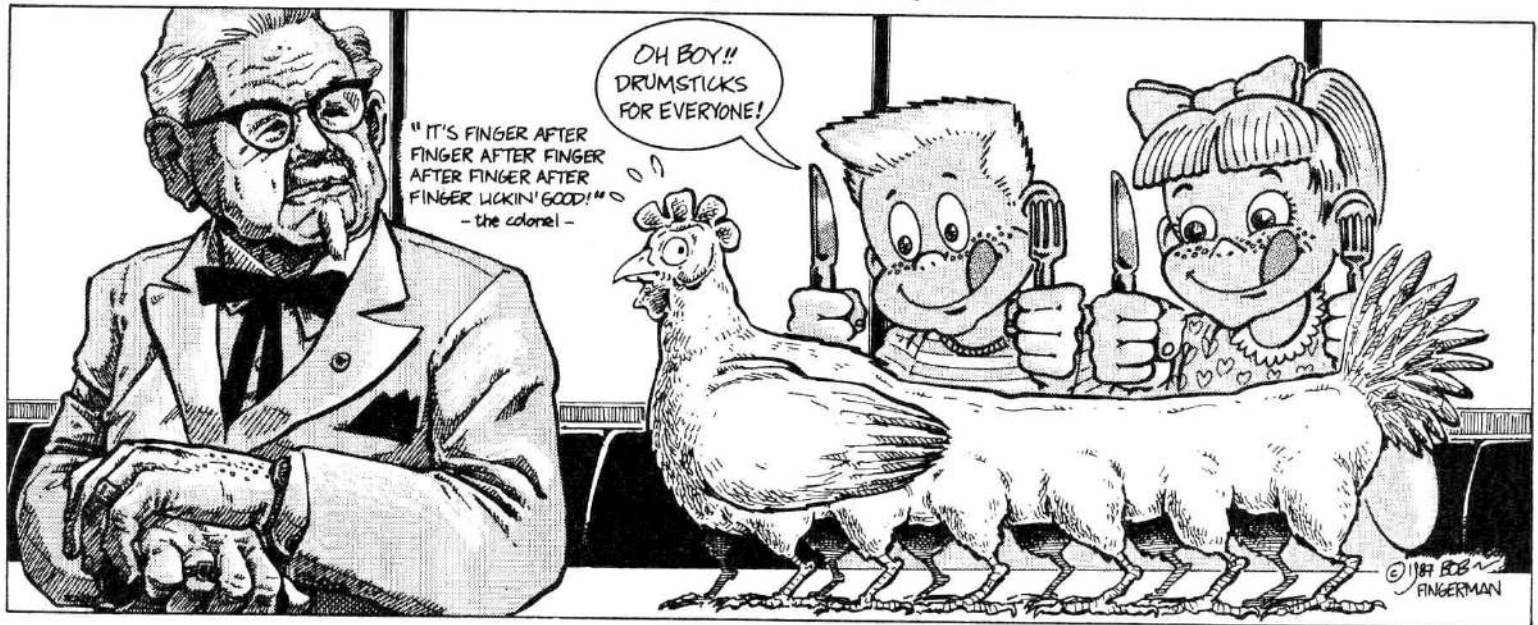
Acquiring an armadillo's genes would enable humans to ward off muggers!



A mole's digging genes would enable kids to sneak into ball parks!



And, of course, with all this hybriding going on, big business will take advantage of it and create things like Kentucky Fried Chickenpedes!



Combining the genes of a woodpecker with a heavy metal fan's will get you a serious headbanger!



An ostrich's head-burying genes would enable humans to avoid constant unpleasantness in the media!



Every year the FBI issues a list of the ten scurviest criminals in America and it's called the FBI's 10 MOST WANTED LIST. The goal is to identify and then eradicate those menaces from our society... but, what about some of those common everyday pests we ALL hate too deal with? To help you recognize and then AVOID these nuts, CRACKED has devised its own list! We call it...

CRACKED's 10 MOST UNWANTED LIST



The M-Tvidiot

It can be argued that this joker hurts no one but himself by vegetating in front of the TV viewing hours and hours of the same mindless rock videos over and over and over! This may be true, though it surely doesn't make him any more wanted!



The Cheater

It seems as if they are always sitting near you in school, copying your work. **The Cheater** doesn't disappear with age... oh, no! As they grow older they find other things to cheat on: taxes, spouse, jobs, etc. Sure, they are unwanted, even if they do make the FBI wanted list!

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The Bully

Not only is he unwanted, he's detested! And with good reason... he'll beat the living tar out of you for absolutely no reason! If you see him coming your way, your best bet is to hot-wire a steamroller and flatten him out! You'll be hailed as a hero!

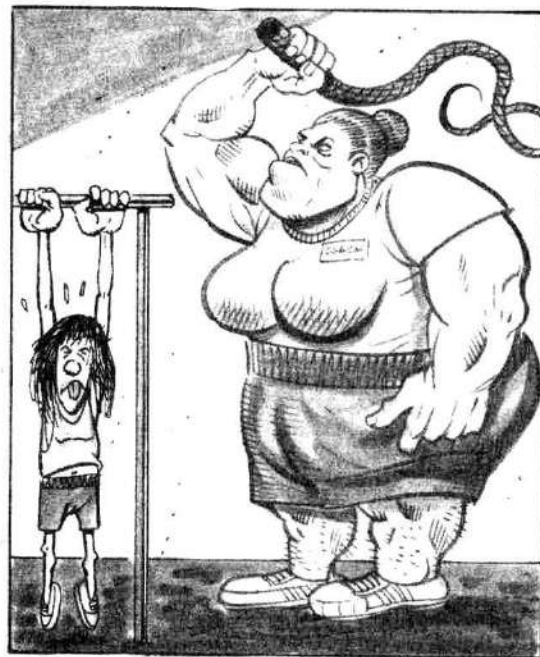


The Smoker

He doesn't mind that it's been over 20 years since it's been confirmed that smoking can kill you... he keeps puffing away! Keep your distance from this human smokestack. You may be trapped with one at any given time, so carry a gas mask with you!



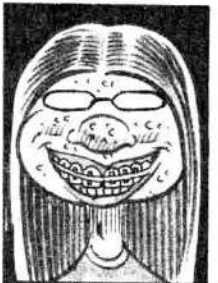
The Box Blaster
This "music" lover is kind enough to share his music with the whole world (or at least the surrounding neighborhood)! You might think a portable cassette player may be more convenient, but he likes to combine body building with his listening pleasure!



The Coach
Put on Earth to torture you, this sadistic, hairy monster likes nothing better than hearing your groans and grunts of pain! You'll get in shape at least... or die trying!



The Boss
It doesn't matter where you work or what you do... you'll always have a boss, even if you are the Boss! Bosses are definitely unwanted in anyone's book!



Your Sister
This little beast has caused you trouble since the beginning of time and will continue doing so! If she's not embarrassing you in front of your friends, she's doing some other evil thing! Sorry, you're stuck with her forever!



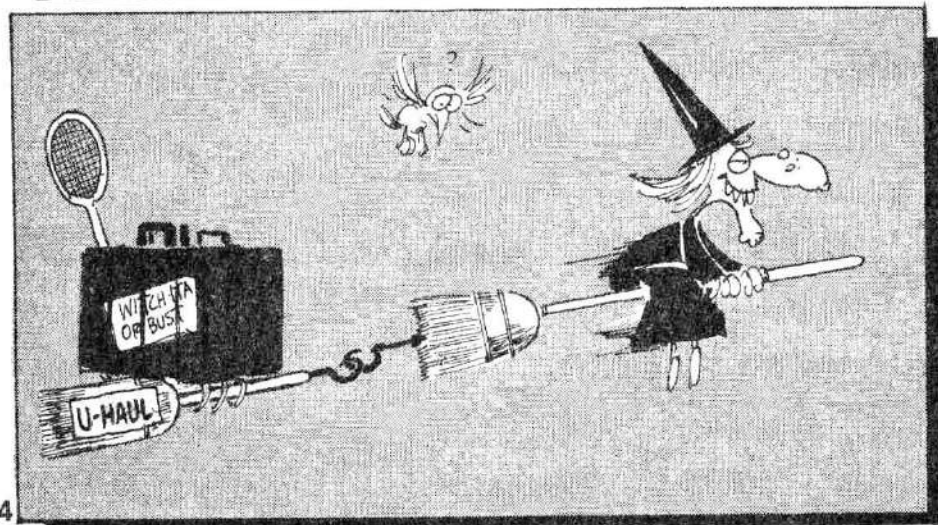
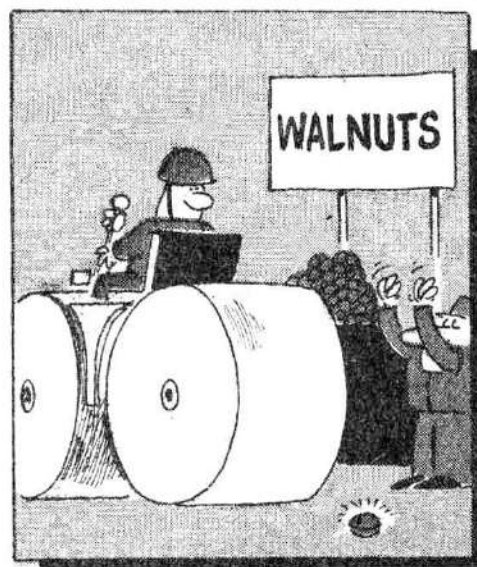
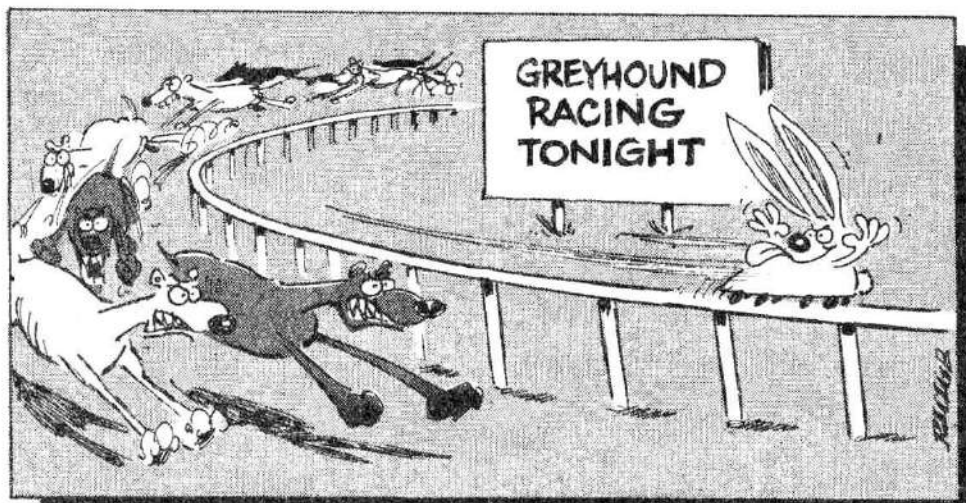
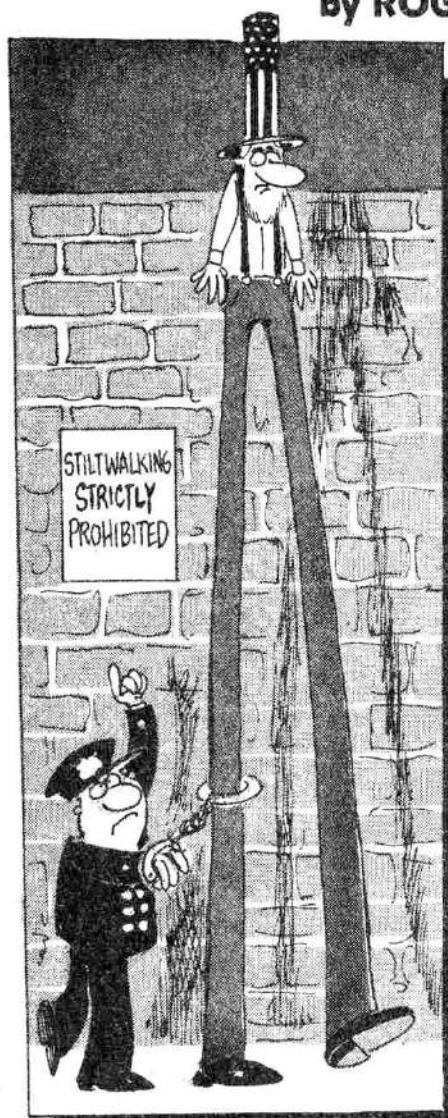
The Panhandler
You find these guys blocking most doorways! He's your best friend if you give him money, an enemy if you don't! If you meet him on the street, don't ignore him! You wouldn't want to hurt his feelings, would you?

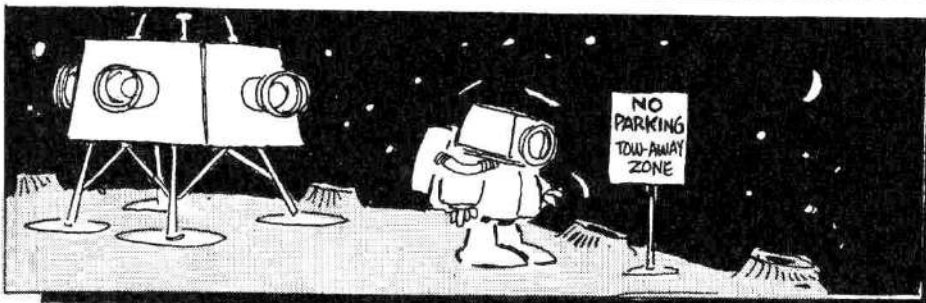
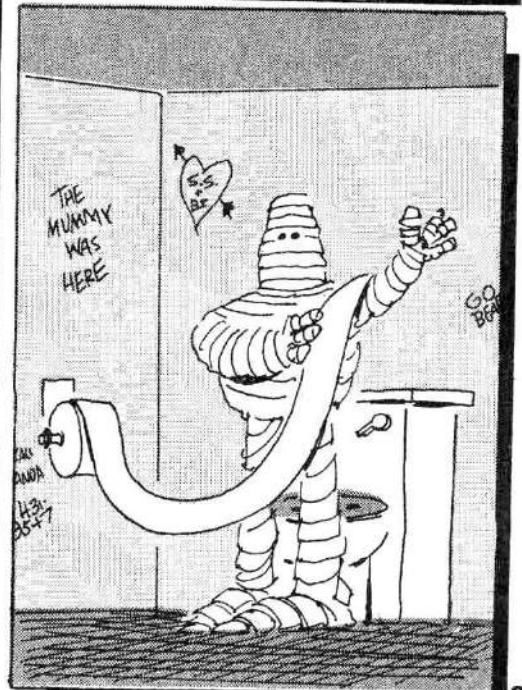
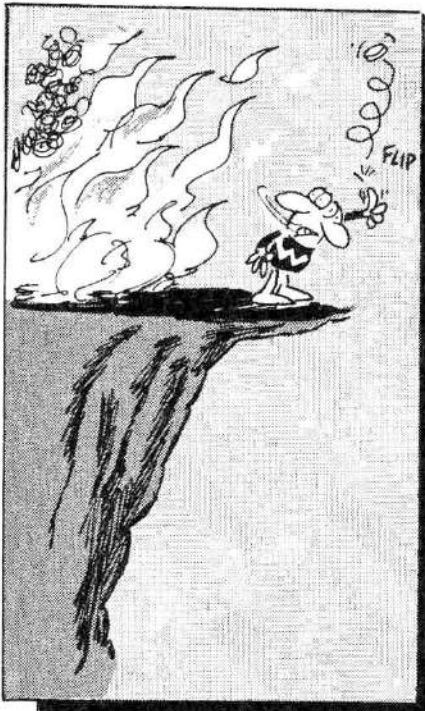
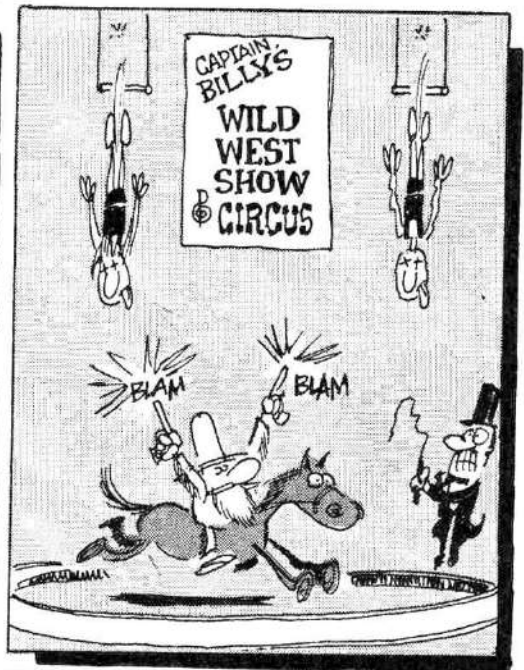
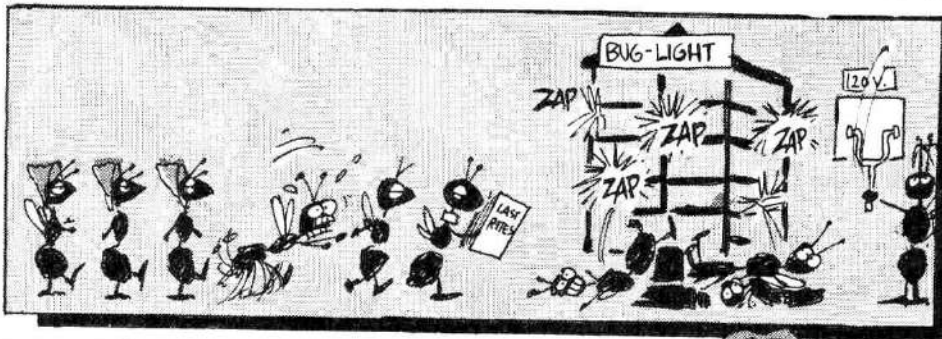
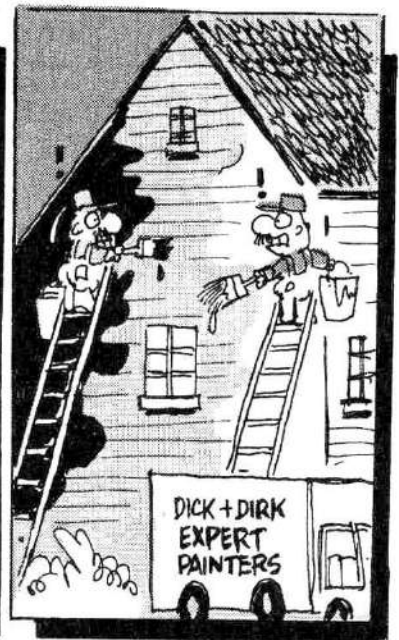
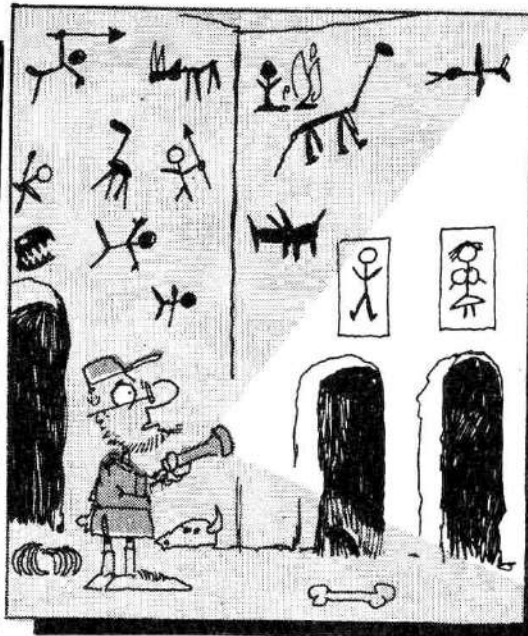
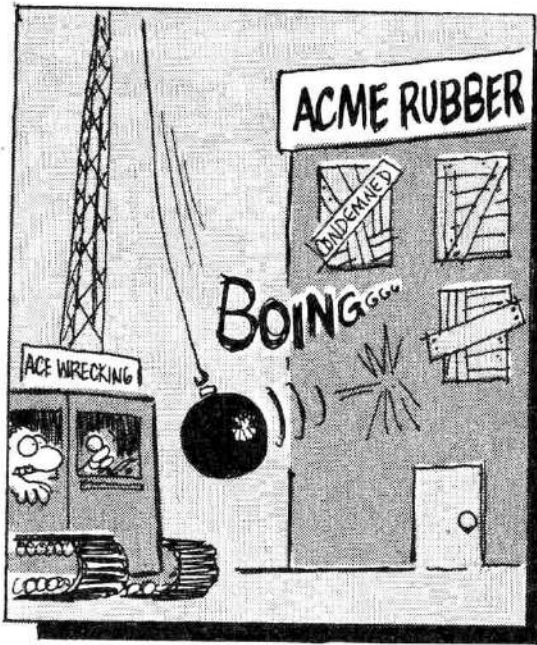


The Cracked Editor
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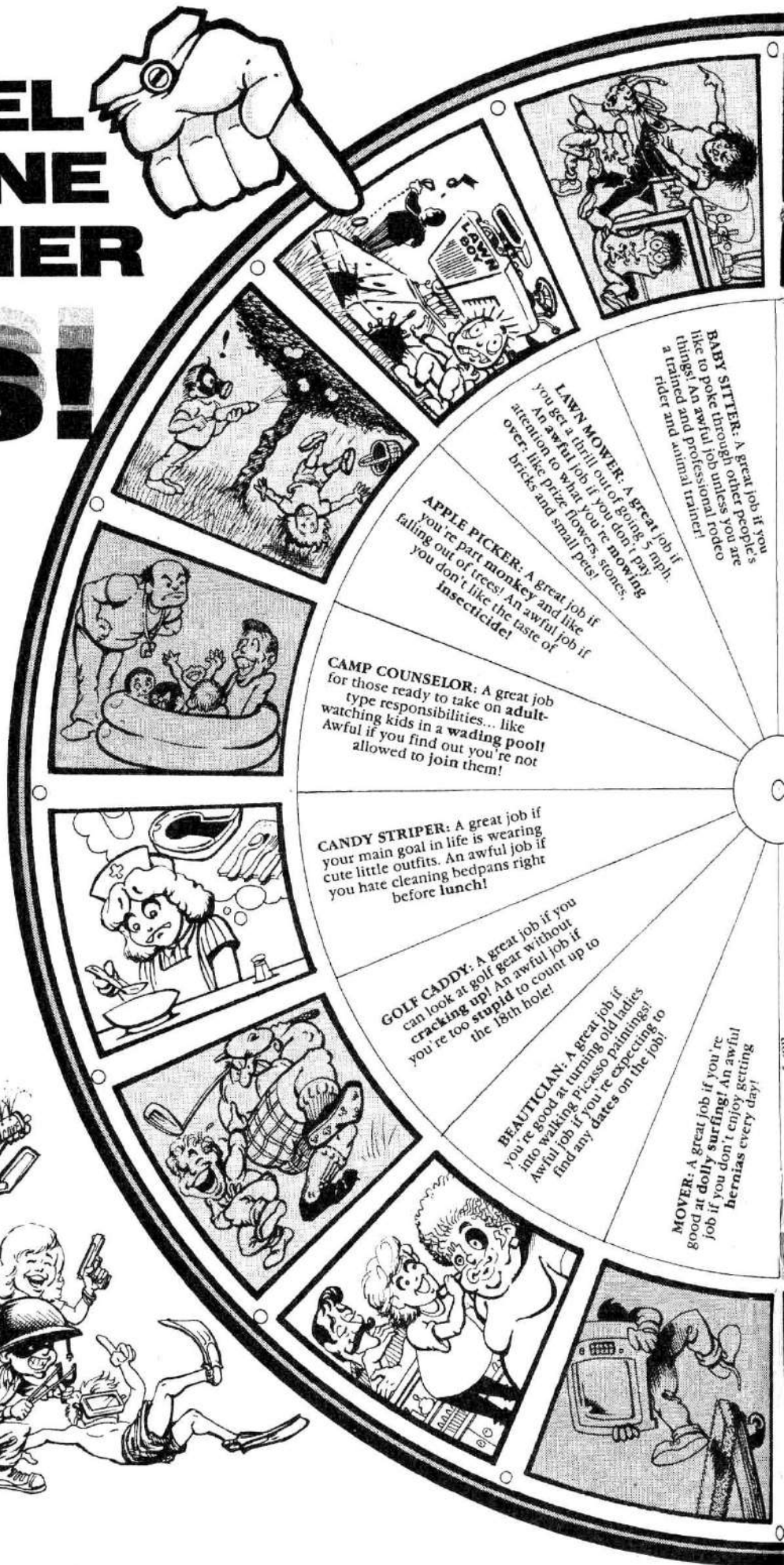
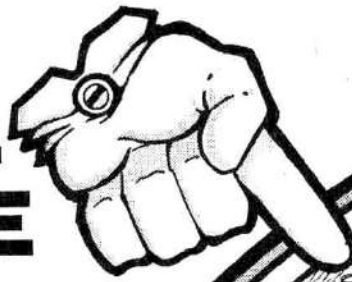
ONE-SHOTS

by ROGER BROWN and MIKE RICIGLIANO





The WHEEL of FORTUNE for SUMMER JOBS!



BABY SITTER: A great job if you like to poke through other people's things! An awful job unless you are a trained and professional nanny!

LAWN MOWER: A great job if you get a thrill out of going 5 mph. An awful job if you're mowing over: like prize flowers, stones, bricks and small pets!

APPLE PICKER: A great job if you're part monkey and like falling out of trees! An awful job if you don't like the taste of insecticide!

CAMP COUNSELOR: A great job for those ready to take on adult-type responsibilities... like watching kids in a wading pool! Awful if you find out you're not allowed to join them!

CANDY STRIPER: A great job if your main goal in life is wearing cute little outfits. An awful job if you hate cleaning bedpans right before lunch!

GOLF CADDY: A great job if you can look at golf gear without cracking up! An awful job if you're too stupid to count up to the 18th hole!

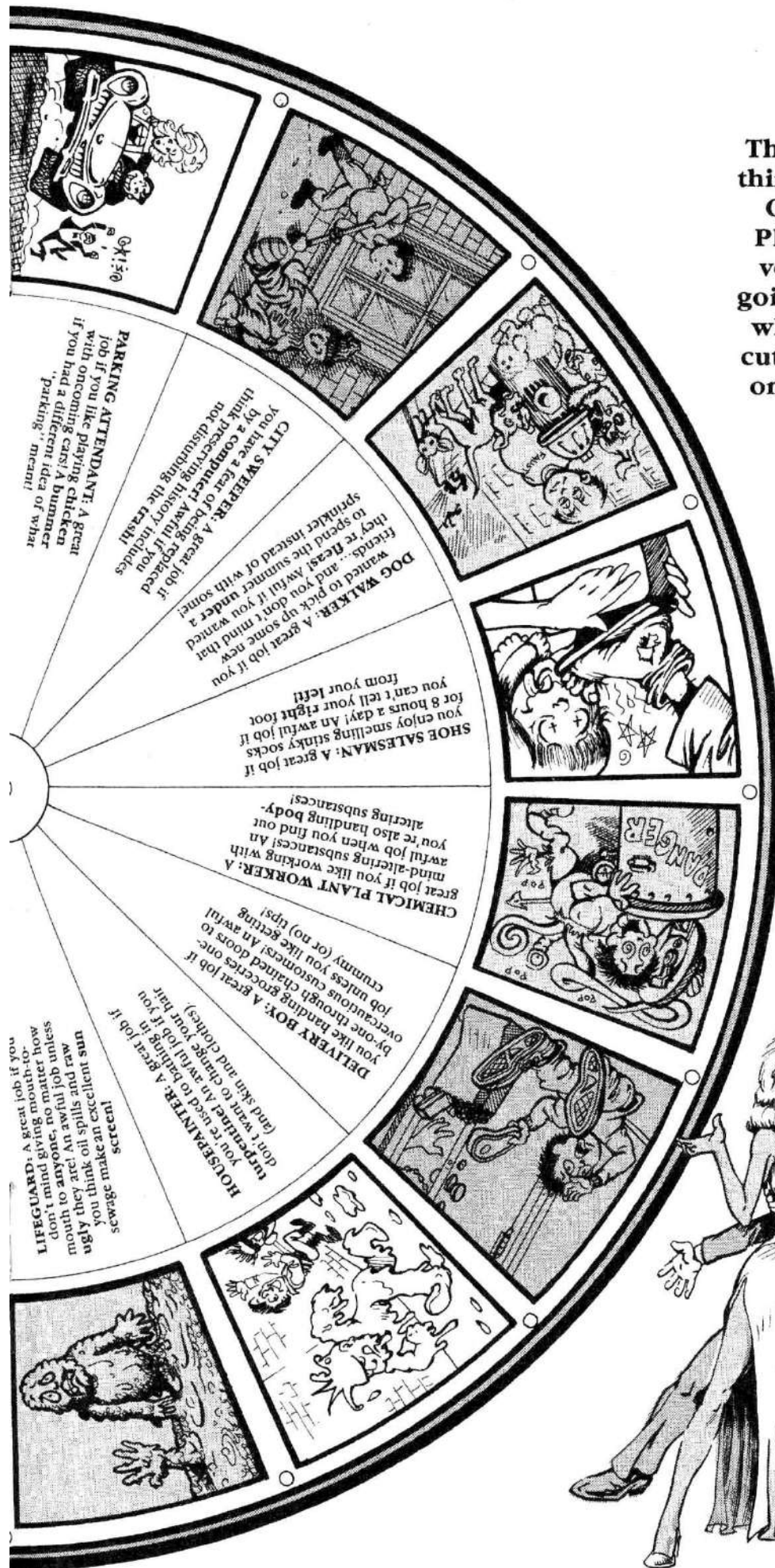
BEAUTICIAN: A great job if you're good at turning old ladies into walking Picasso paintings! Awful job if you're expecting to find any dates on the job!

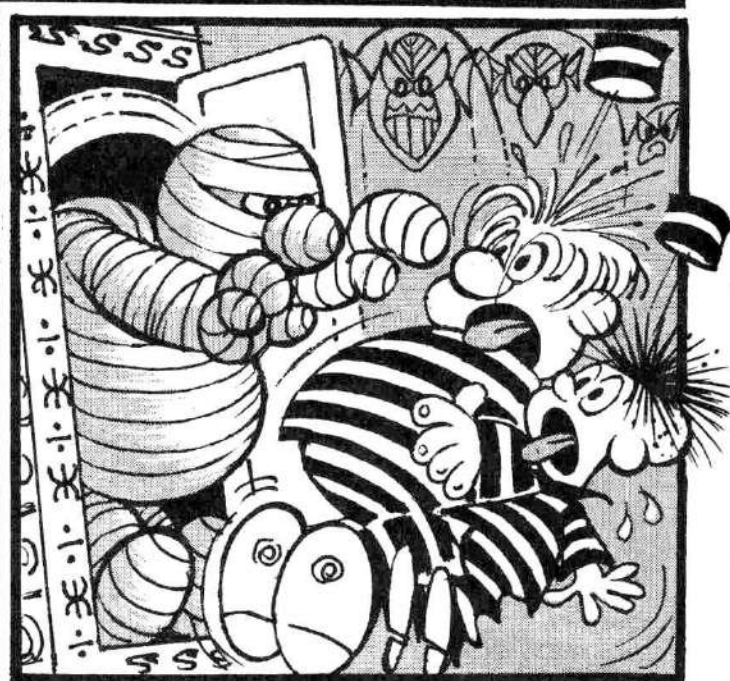
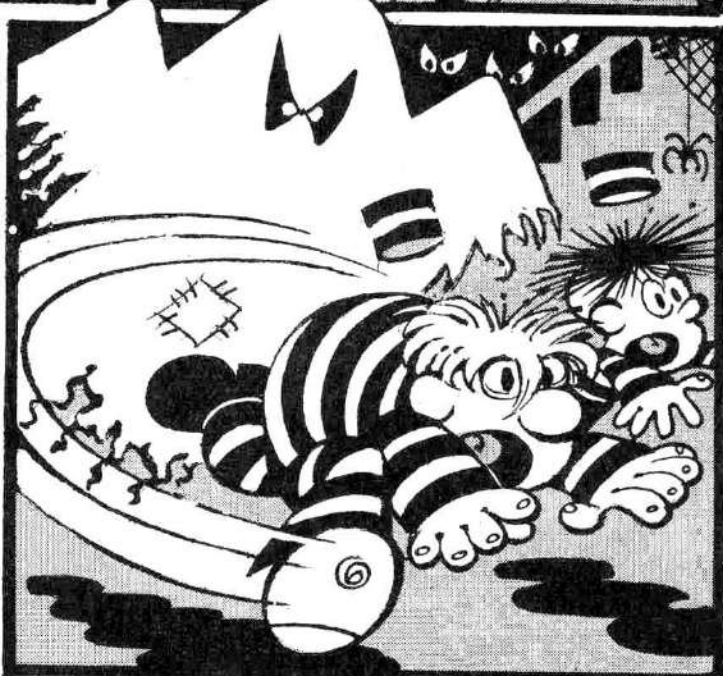
MOVER: A great job if you're good at dolly surfing! An awful job if you don't enjoy getting hernias every day!

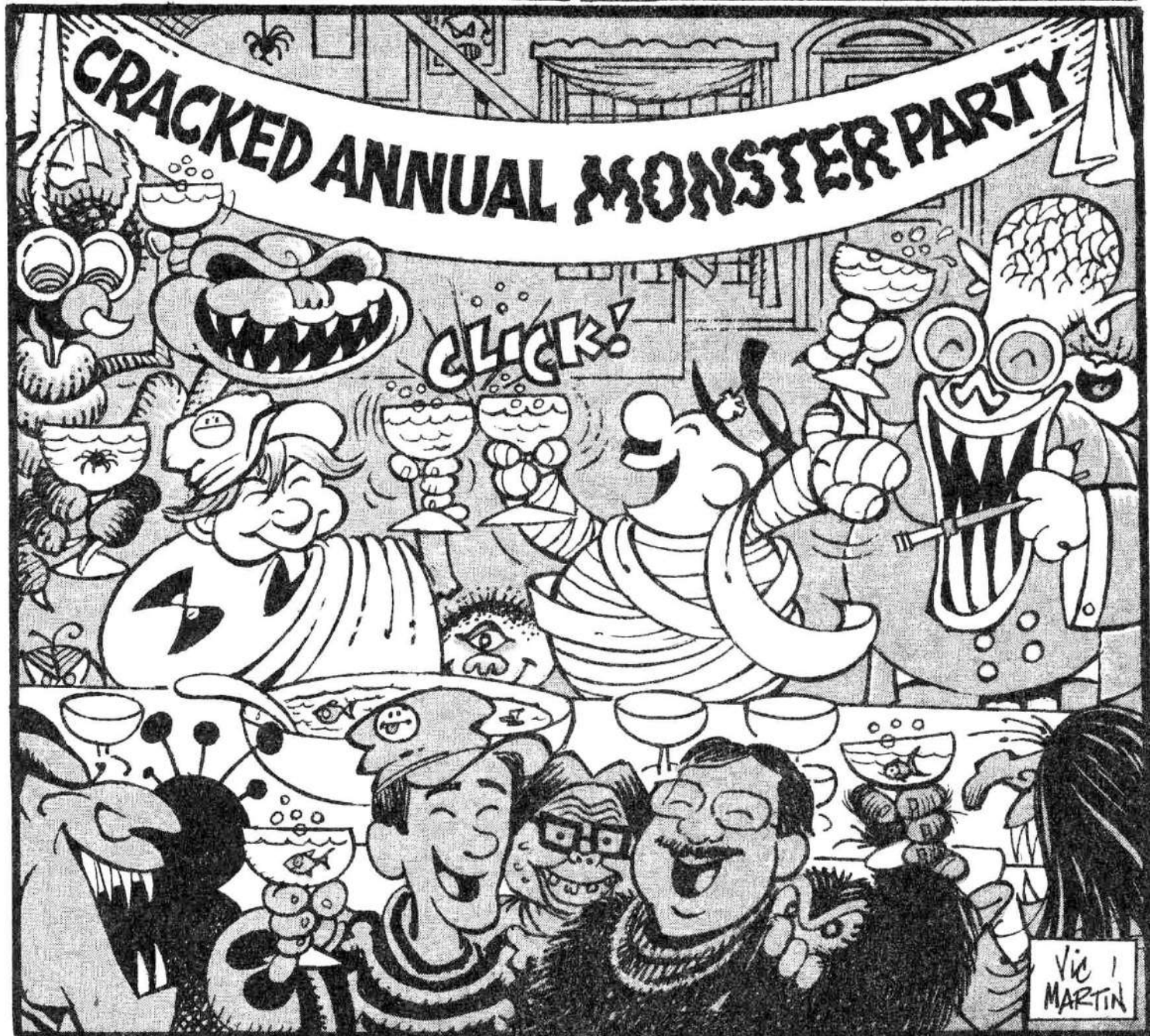
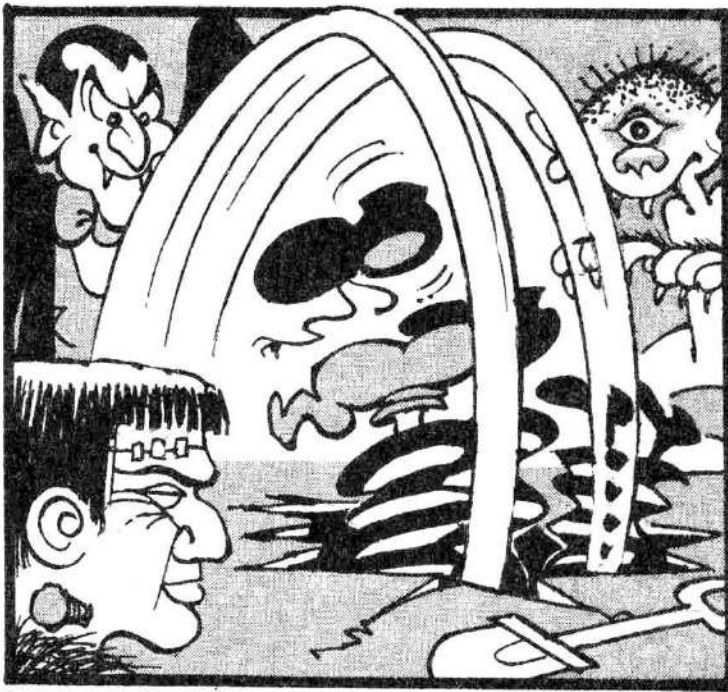
This is the time of year to be thinking about a summer job!

Oh, but what kind of job?

Playing with your future is very risky, so CRACKED is going to help you! To find out what job is for YOU, simply cut out this wheel and glue it on your favorite record and give it a SPIN...







The Minute AFTER the **MEINEKE** COMMERCIAL!

JERRY DEFUCCIO writer

DON OREHEK artist



There's a TV show about a woman who holds two jobs... she writes **mystery novels** and she also **solves crimes!** To her we say, "Hey lady! Give some other bum a break... jobs are hard to find!" Anyway, this satire is about **Jessicka Flasher** and the...

MURDER, SHE WROT

STU SCHWARTZBERG writer MARIE SEVERIN artist



Lady! Call a cop! We're being robbed!

Don't worry, she'll help us! That's Jessicka Flasher... her thing is bringing criminals to justice!

Don't bother me! I only solve complex murder cases involving old character actors in rural settings!

Besides, I'm busy writing my latest novel, "The Boston Baked Bean Massacre"!



JIGGETTY JOG-JIGGETTY

Please call a cop... We'll buy a copy of every book you've ever written!

It just so happens I have 50 copies of my last book, "The Boston Red Sox Strangler"; on hand... how badly do you want me to help you?

We'll buy every copy!

Well, if you insist!



Would you like your books autographed?

Just call a cop, you old @\$ &!

What a rude fellow! This is why I never get involved in common street crimes!



Hello, answering service... any messages for me?

Bob Nerdhart wants you on his Vermont Today TV show to discuss the future of New England clam chowder!

What an extreme honor! I'd be proud to! Any other calls?

Some jerk called offering you \$50,000 to solve a crime!

I guess Bob's outta luck! Maybe he can get Julia Childish to talk about Down East goulash!



I'll be glad to keep an eye on your house, Jess! I've been very bored since I came here from the Sappy Days show!

Maybe you'd be busier if you ran for Sheriff in a larger town!

Are you kidding? A wimp like me feels safer in a little town like this!



According to the answering service, this is the scene of the crime!

Tennis, anyone?

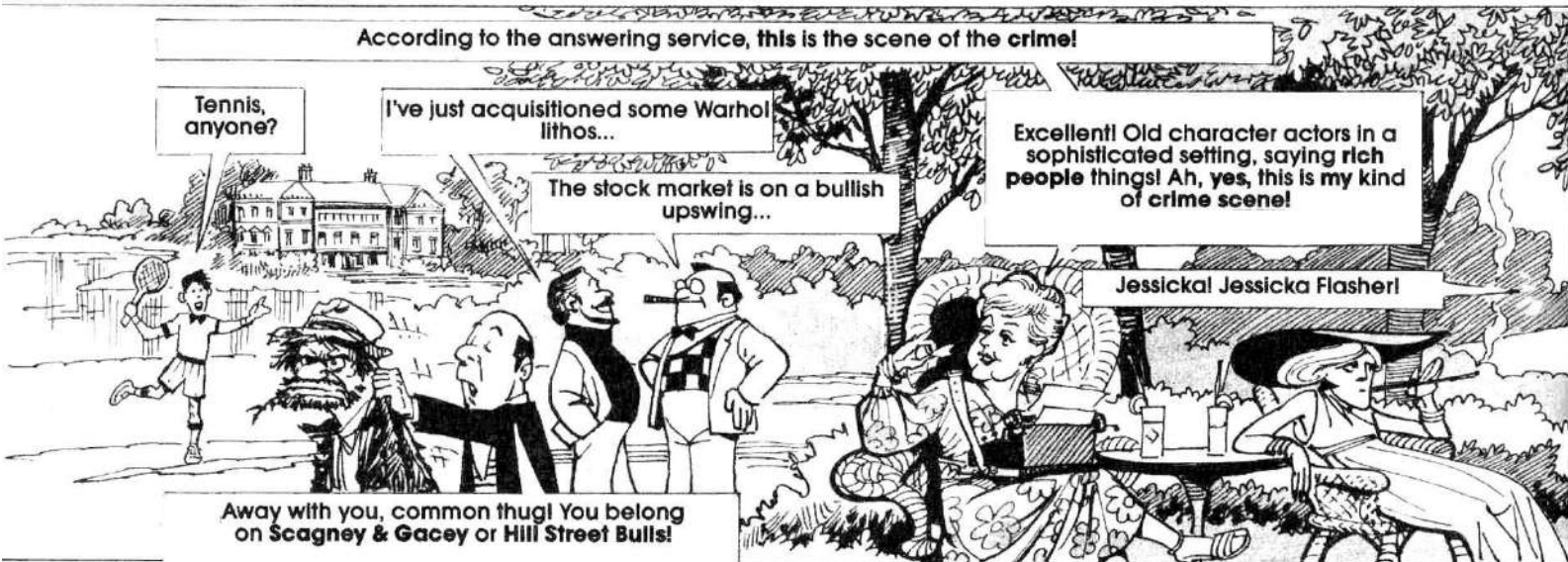
I've just acquisitioned some Warhol lithos...

The stock market is on a bullish upswing...

Excellent! Old character actors in a sophisticated setting, saying rich people things! Ah, yes, this is my kind of crime scene!

Jessicka! Jessicka Flasher!

Away with you, common thug! You belong on Scagney & Gacey or Hill Street Bulls!



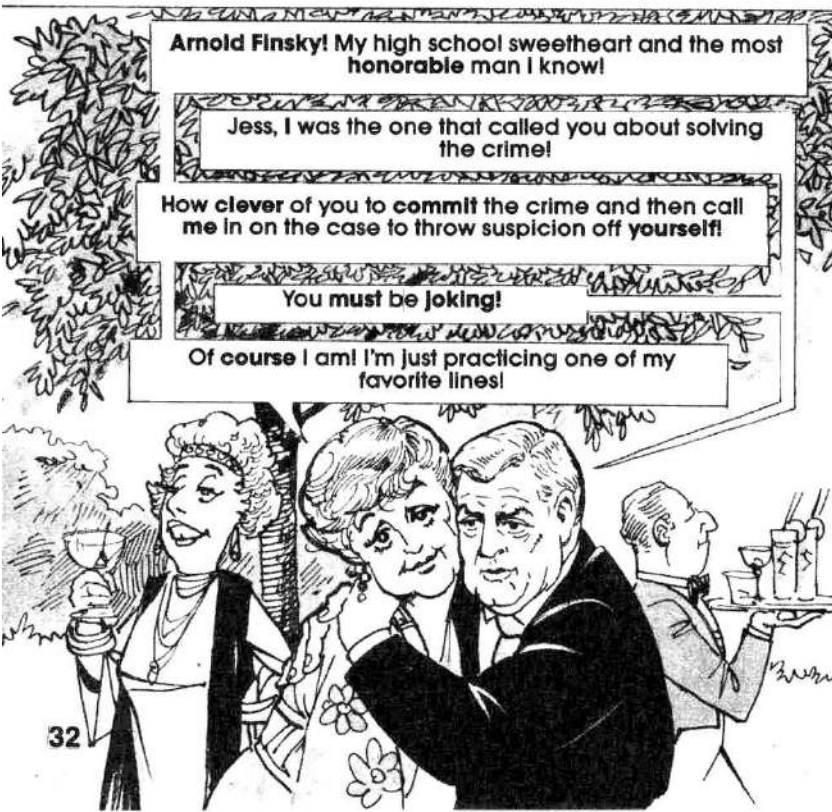
Arnold Finsky! My high school sweetheart and the most honorable man I know!

Jess, I was the one that called you about solving the crime!

How clever of you to commit the crime and then call me in on the case to throw suspicion off yourself!

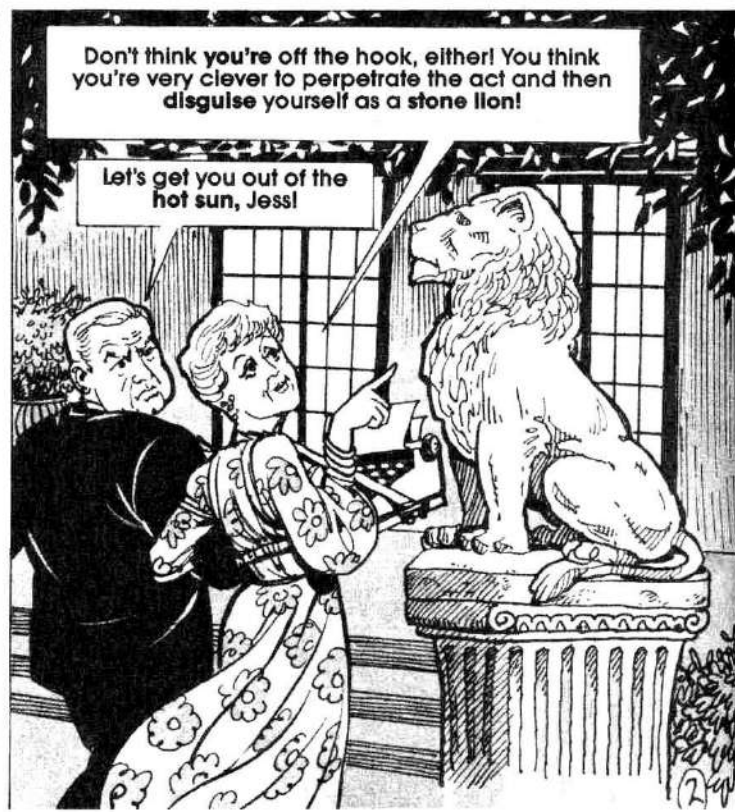
You must be joking!

Of course I am! I'm just practicing one of my favorite lines!



Don't think you're off the hook, either! You think you're very clever to perpetrate the act and then disguise yourself as a stone lion!

Let's get you out of the hot sun, Jess!



Here's why I called you... someone opened my safe and stole some important papers!

I guess that the person who did it **didn't** know the safe's combination, so they **blew** it open!

BLEW IT OPEN?! How'd you figure that out by yourself?

One more crack like that and you'll never guest star here again! Maybe that other show with washed-up stars, Motel, will book you!



After I discovered the robbery, I found my maid **stabbed!**

Hmmm... She could have robbed your safe and then **stabbed** herself to throw the cops off the track!

Jessicka... have you been sniffing too much **white-out?**



Aren't you going to introduce us, uncle?

This is my nephew, Renphew, and my niece, Denise!

Denise had the maid insured for a million dollars that she will collect!

Renphew knew he could **blackmail** me if he had those papers from my safe!

I suppose, madam, that makes us **prime** suspects!

I'm sorry... I wasn't listening. Did I miss something?



It's time to wrap this case up! We can rule out Arnold... his hand's too **shaky** to fire a gun!

Denise is innocent... she's not **strong** enough to have dressed the maid in a **gorilla suit?!**

Gun? What gun? The maid was stabbed!

What gorilla suit?!

The maid was killed with a left-handed fireplace poker and Renphew is **right-handed**, so he's in the clear!

What poker? She was stabbed! Stabbed!

What is this? "Let's gang up on the old lady detective" Day? I'm gonna call the **Grey Panthers!**



As sure as lobsters come from Maine and the Red Sox come from Boston, one of you is guilty in my book as sure as my name is... hey, what was my name

Wait! What did you just say, Jessicka?

Let's see... you mean "As sure as lobsters come from Maine..."?

No, forward a little.

"Red Sox come from Boston"?

No! Forward a bit more!

"As sure as my name is..."?

No, no! Back a little!

"In my book"?

Yes! That's it! I know who's guilty!

Jessicka, you committed this crime... to get us to accuse each other and make us do crazy, suspicious things!

Nonsense! Why would I do that?

You've committed all the crimes you investigate so you could get stories for all those novels you write and for your crummy TV show each week!

Stand back! This typewriter is loaded!

Turn in your ribbon, Jessickal! No matter what kind of type, crime does not pay!

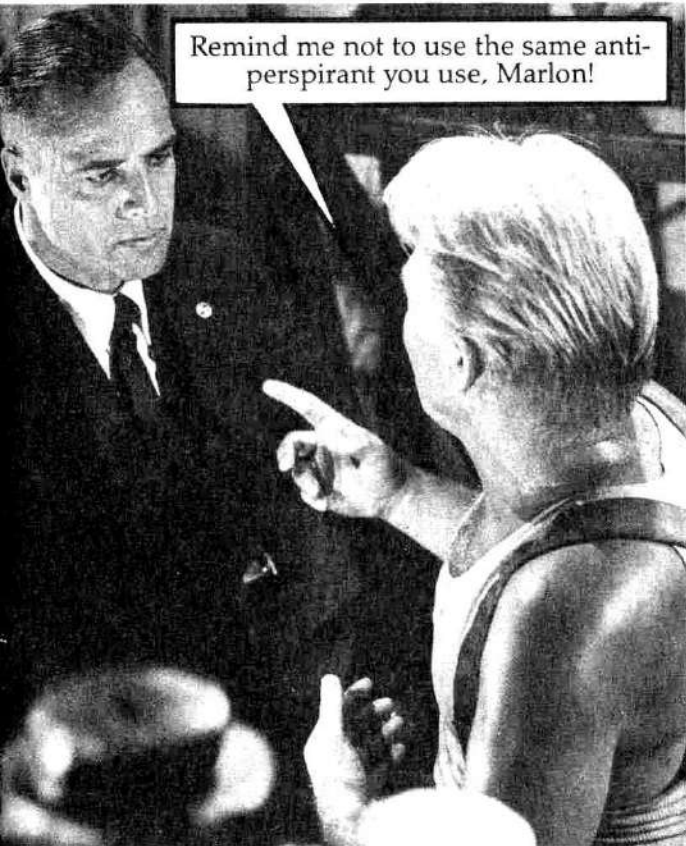
It would if they ever made a movie from one of my cruddy books!

Is this dumb satire over yet? I want to get to the Shut ups!

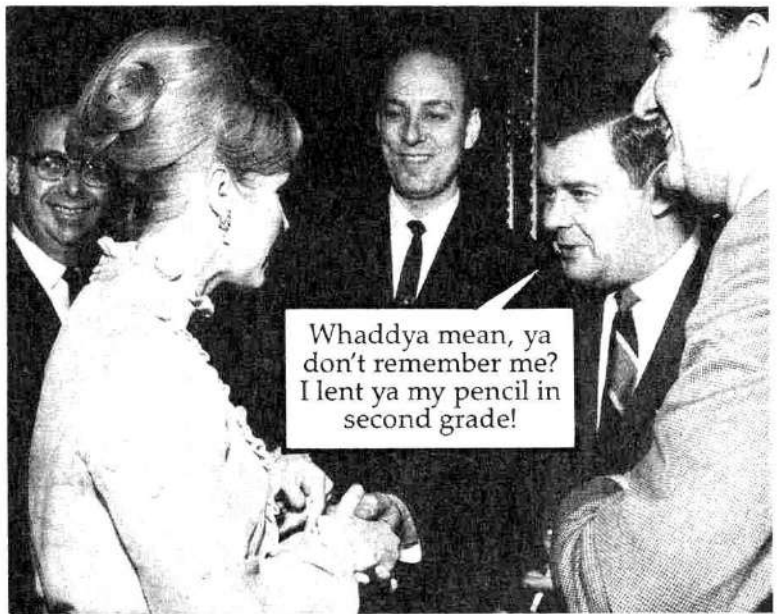
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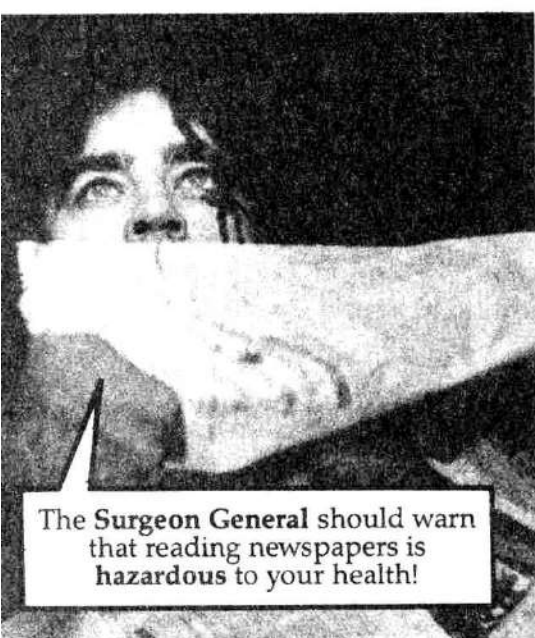
Remind me not to use the same anti-perspirant you use, Marlon!



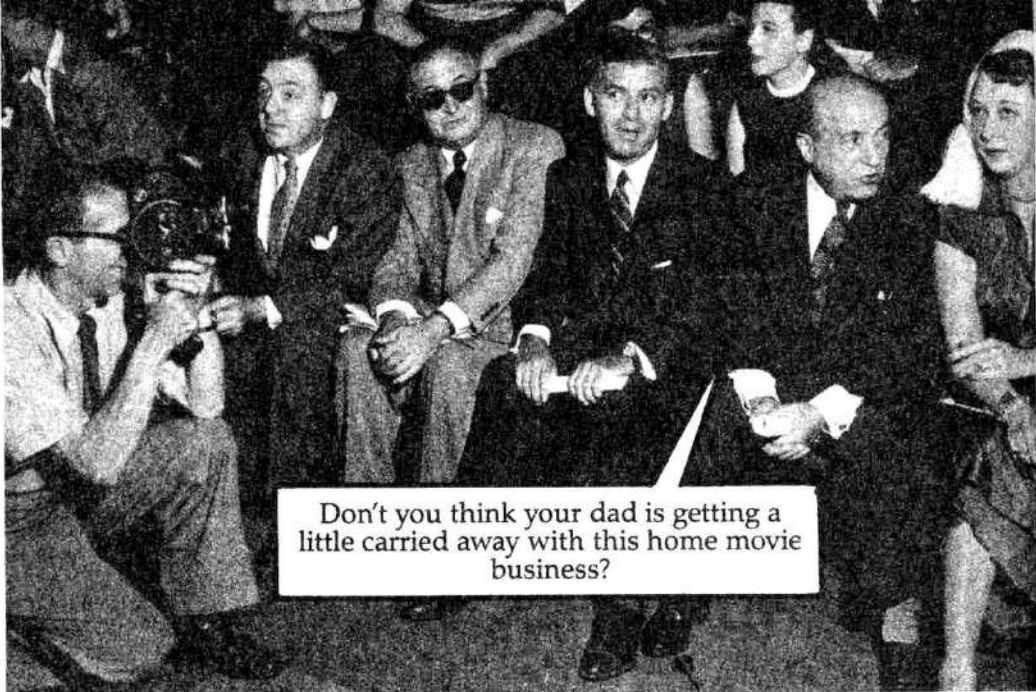
Whaddya mean, ya don't remember me? I lent ya my pencil in second grade!



Sure it's a tough job, but somebody has to do it!



The Surgeon General should warn that reading newspapers is hazardous to your health!



Don't you think your dad is getting a little carried away with this home movie business?

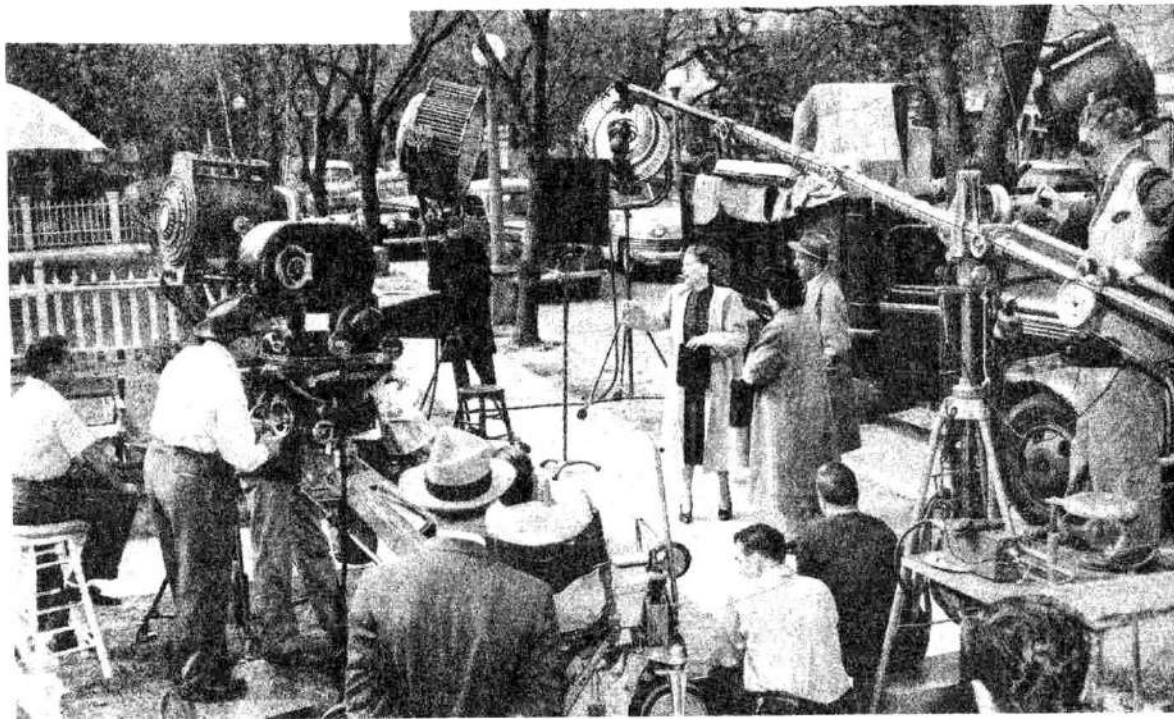


He really is a famous movie star! I'm so excited I can't control myself!



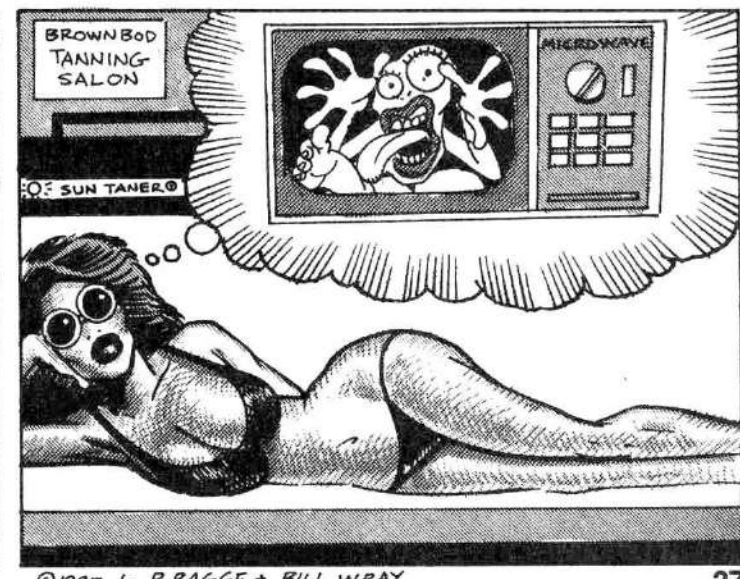
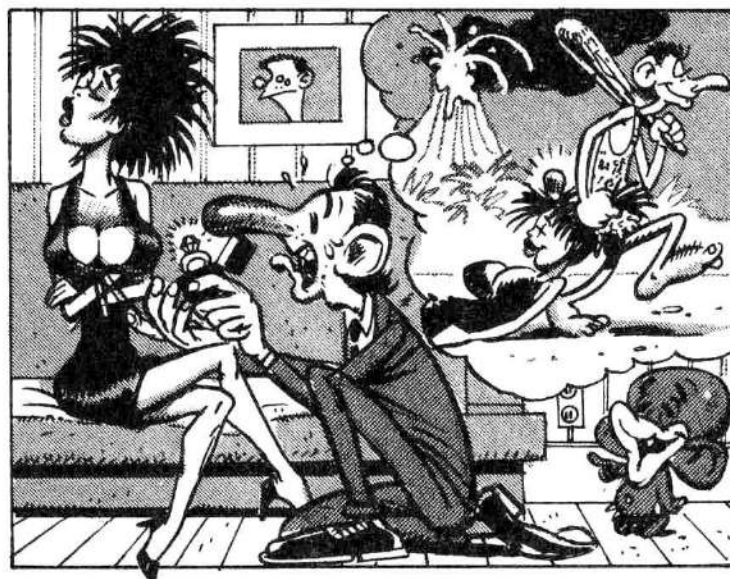
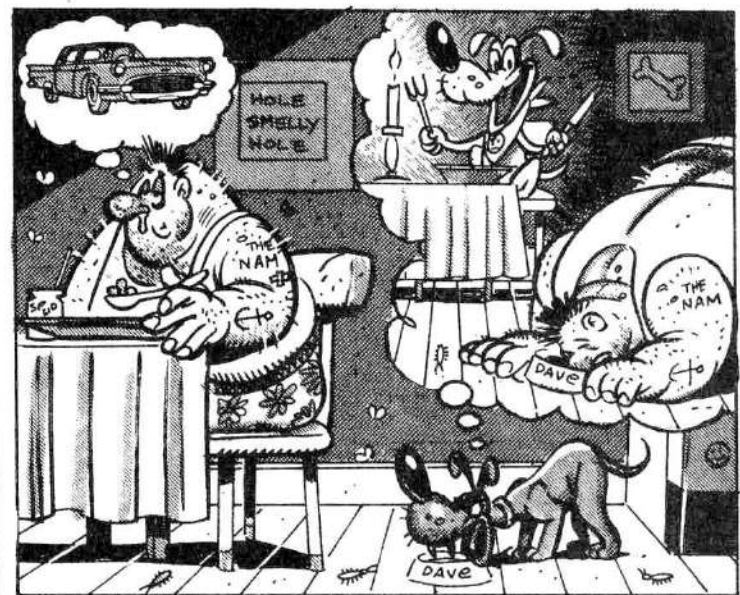
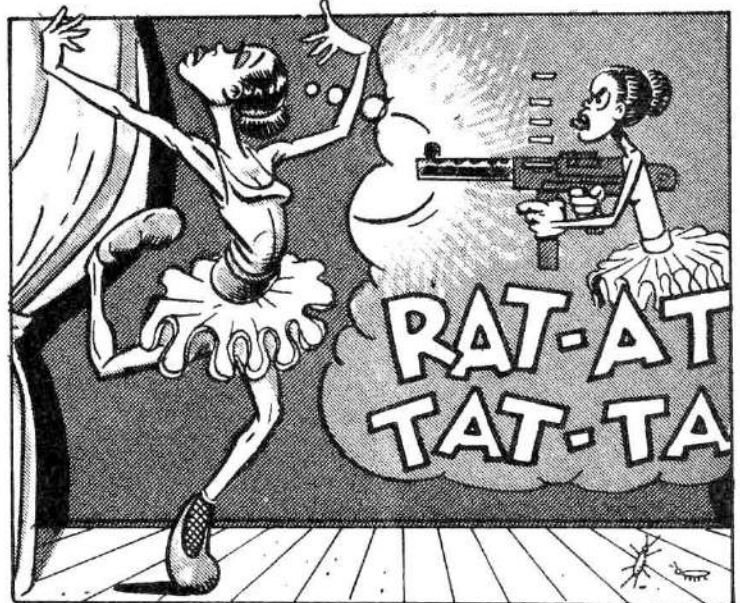
Very good! Next time, why don't you try hitting your head harder on the microphone!

Hey, Jack! I think there are some people out here who would like to take your picture!



WHAT'S ON THEIR MINDS?

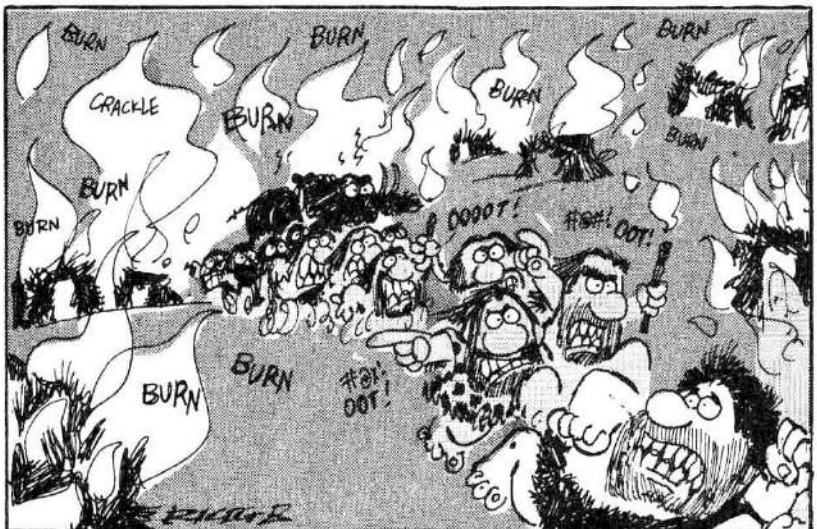
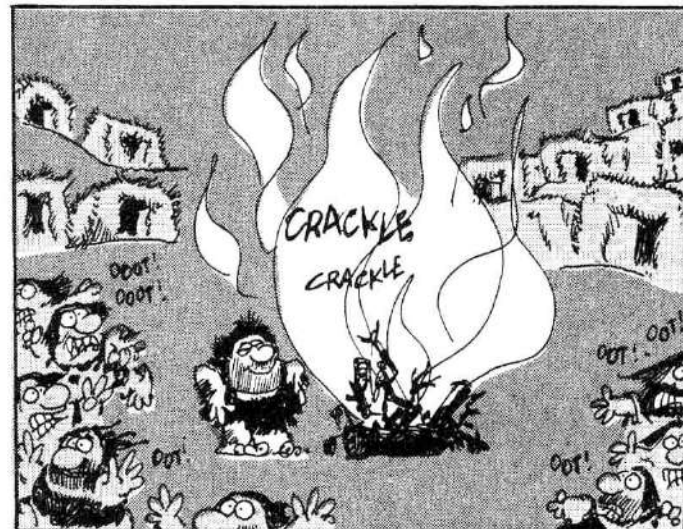
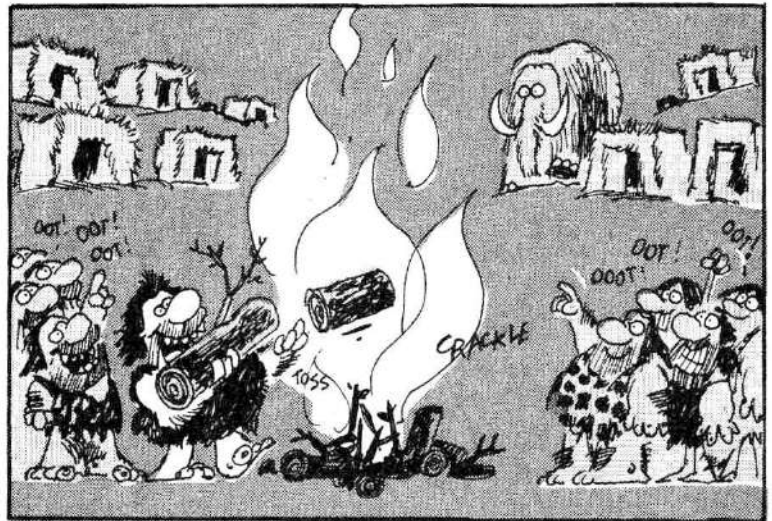
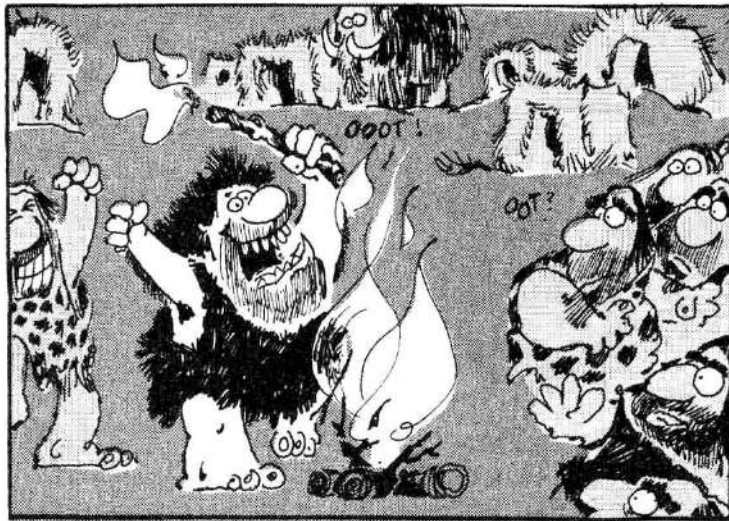
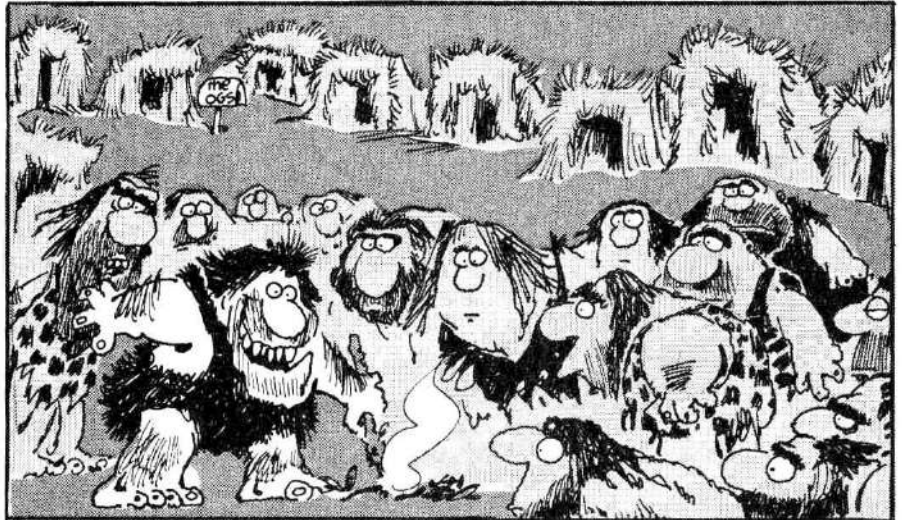
by PETER BAGGE and BILL WRAY



The Beginning of **FIRE!**



by BROWN & RICIGLIANO



The 1960s were a time of youthful idealism and sweeping social change! BABY BOOMERS, the stockbrokers, aerobics instructors and yuppies of today, were a restless multitude determined to cure the woes of the world! ROCK 'n' ROLL found a new meaning as the voice of this angry young generation!...And somewhere, a man in a rumpled suit, chomping a cigar, heard this new voice and thought, "Hey! Dis would make a great TV show!" In this spirit of opportunistic idealism, CRACKED presents:

THE DONKEES

CHARLES HALL writer
JOHN SEVERIN artist
MORT TODD continuity



Here we come... We've got hooves for feet...
We can barely sing or keep a beat!
Eee-Aww! we're the Donkees,
People wanna ride us around...
But we're too busy brayin'
To carry anyone to town!

We're jus' tryin' to be useful... Come an' see us eat our hay!
Cause we're such a big sensation, we'll never go away!
Eee-Aw, we're the Donkees!
Don't mistake us for a hound, So ya
better get ready when you hear
that EE-AW sound!

Well, Meek...it seems the Donkees meet a hip, mad scientist and his gorgeous assistant and you travel in a time machine!

That sounds downright GROOVY!

I wonder if we can afford a guest star this week?

Hello, I'm the hip, mad scientist...

...And I'm the gorgeous assistant!

...and this is the time machine you travel in!

GROOVY TIME

(gulp) Hey guys! It's time for us to act like geeks that've never seen a gal before!

Hurry up and drool, boys...I have to get back to the Bratman set in half an hour!

You Donkees must go back in time and become elected group Presidents of the United States and then not start the Viet Nam war!

That's a heavy mission! But why do us Donkees have to go do it?

Because it's your show, hippies!

We don't know if we should go...

WE'RE GOING!!

I'm going!

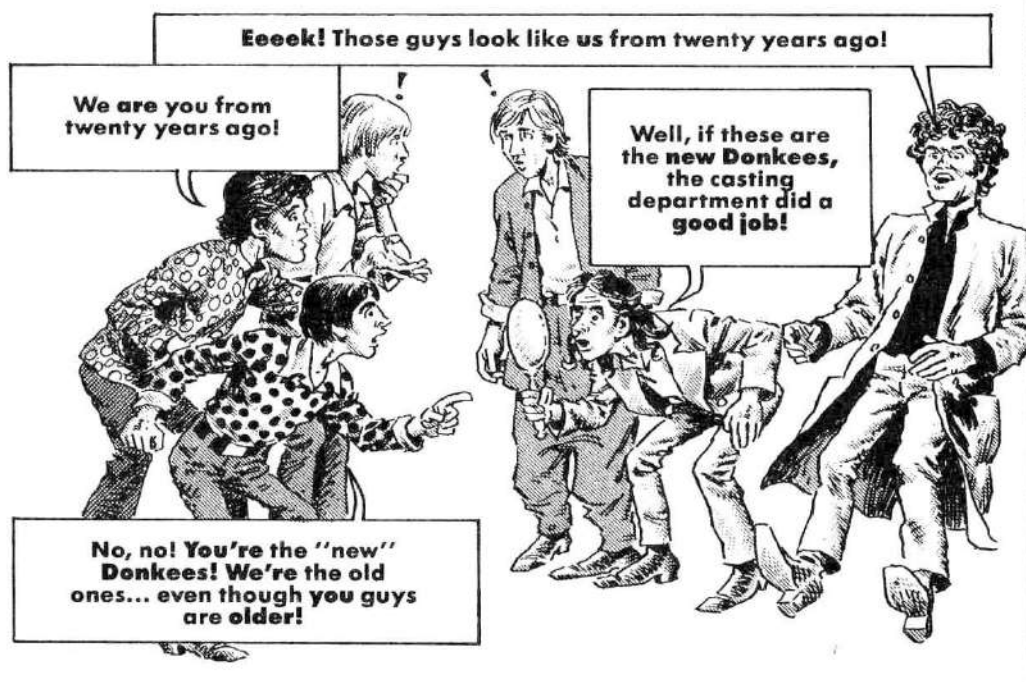
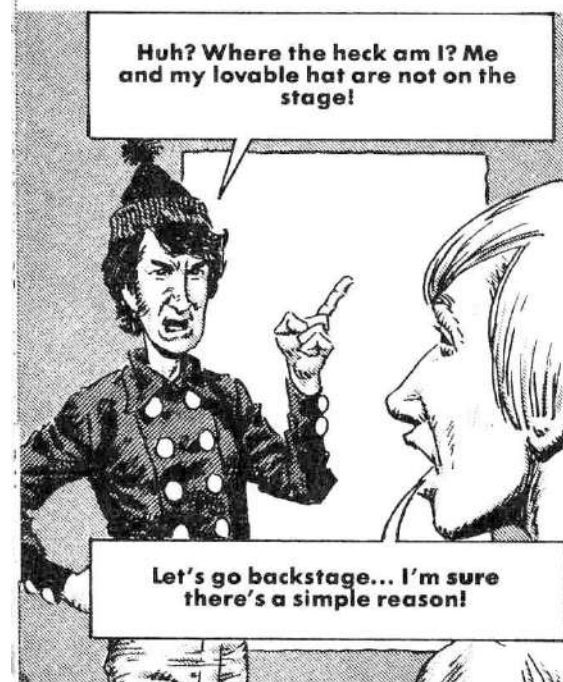
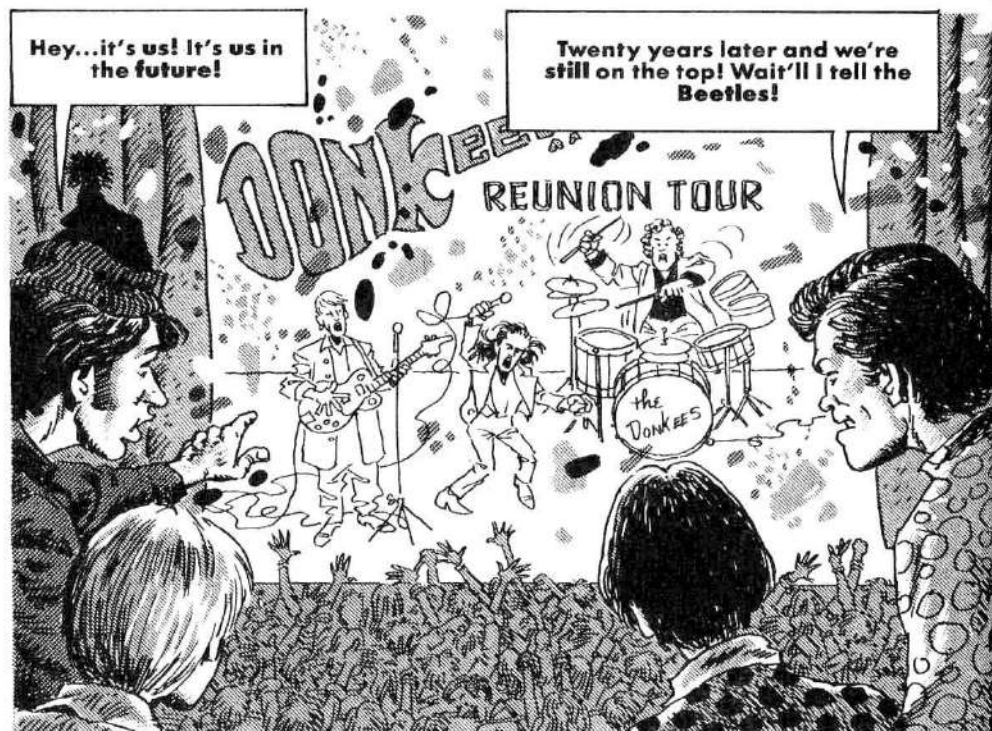
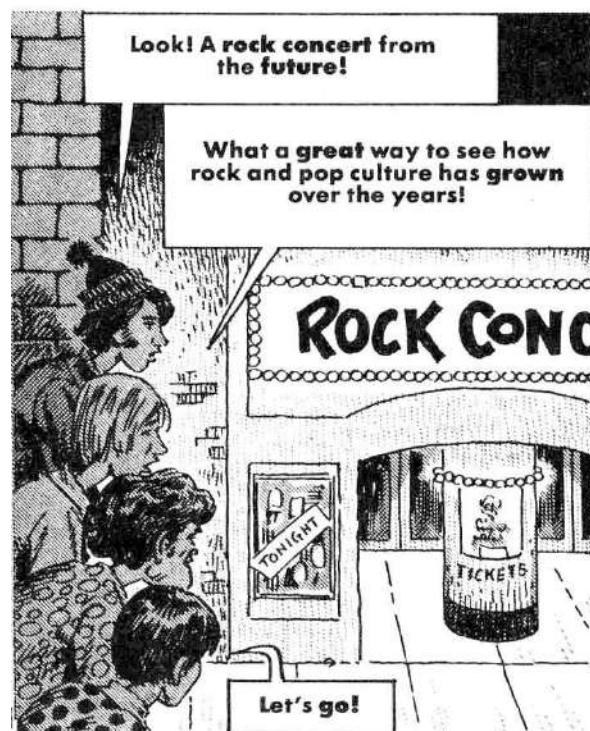
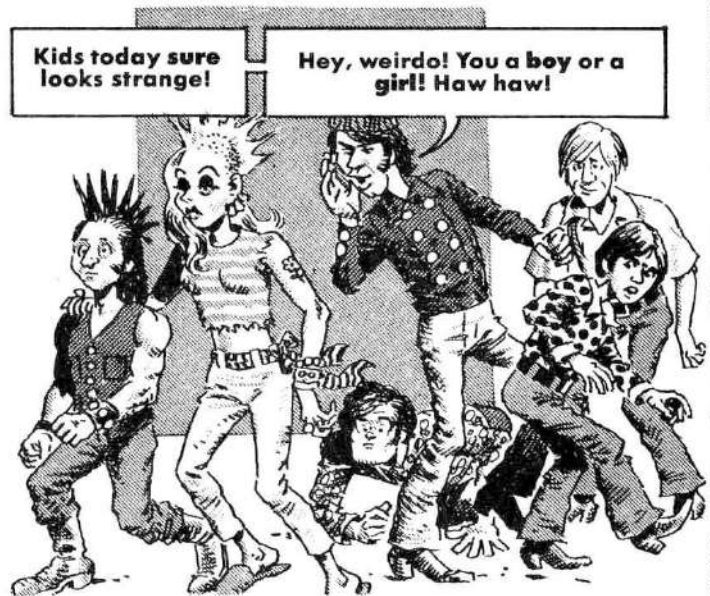
TIME MACHINE
PATENT PENDING

Listen to all that noise! Look at all those flashing lights! Time itself is slipping away!

Oh no! I think you've invented the first disco club!

You once thought of us...
Like a one-armed octo-pus...
But now you've seen how popular we can be!
When the good times start to fade...
They'll be back in two decades!

Wake up sleepy bean, oh what does it mean?
You're a doldrum retriever and we're programming kings!



You're both wrong! We're the new Donkees!

YECH!!

What will we do? After 20 years, we were just starting to get respect!

This will ruin the good name of the Donkees!

Wait! We'll stay here and be the new Donkees!

I'm not under here... where am I?

Look...We're the new Donkees and we're staying! You might as well face it...you're out!

Say, there I am, up there!

I'll take care of this boys! I'm into video production now!

(sniff) Do you guys smell white out?

SNIFF!

SPLASH!

And we don't need these new Donkees!

Well, at least I've found out I'm not stuck with this crummy band for the rest of my life!

EE-AW! WE'RE THE DONKEES!

You're not Bratman but you've got a cute costume!

THE END

**The whole country's goin' wacky with LOTTERY FEVER!
Millions of people play the game hoping to hit the JACKPOT!
This is a summary of some of the PITFALLS, HAPPENINGS and
CHARACTERS you've read about (or know!)... those who are...**

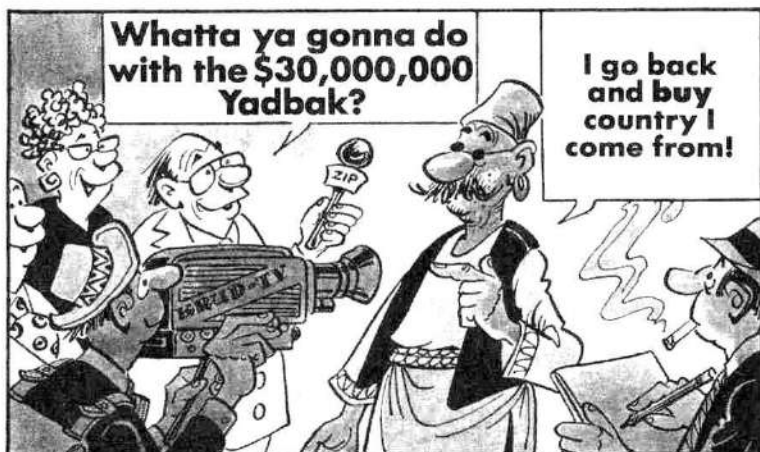
Selecting numbers can be DANGEROUS as illustrated by player BEN BIRDBRAIN:



LON LUCKLESS saves all his losing tickets! He tallies them up and discovers that if he had saved the money he spent on tickets:



YADBAK LOMFAAS, who has been in this country for only a YEAR:



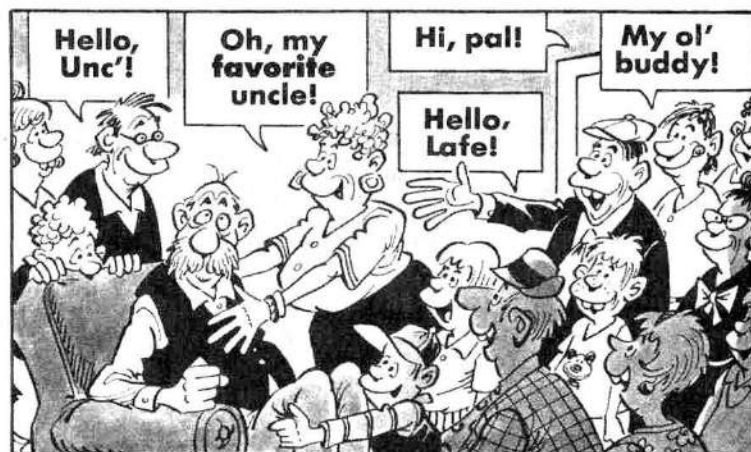
As stated, selecting numbers can be dangerous! Be CAREFUL choosing numbers you THINK are LUCKY:



Life can be SO cruel! RON KNOTHAID buys 60 tickets every week! Here he is listening to this week's results:



Lonesome LAFE LONGPUSS, who hasn't heard from friend or relative in 30 years, wins BIG and:



CRACKED LOTTERY NUTS!

written & drawn by AL SCADUTO

JEREMIAH JERKH picks the numbers and shares a ticket with 43 co-workers... which makes his portion of the winnings a whopping \$11.39 (before taxes):



18 year old ARNO AIRDOME, JR. saves a BUCK... purchases a ticket and is a \$20,000,000 winner! NOW who's KING of the castle?



The **SAME** guy that gripes about waiting in **ANY** kind of line at all, somehow doesn't mind **THIS**!



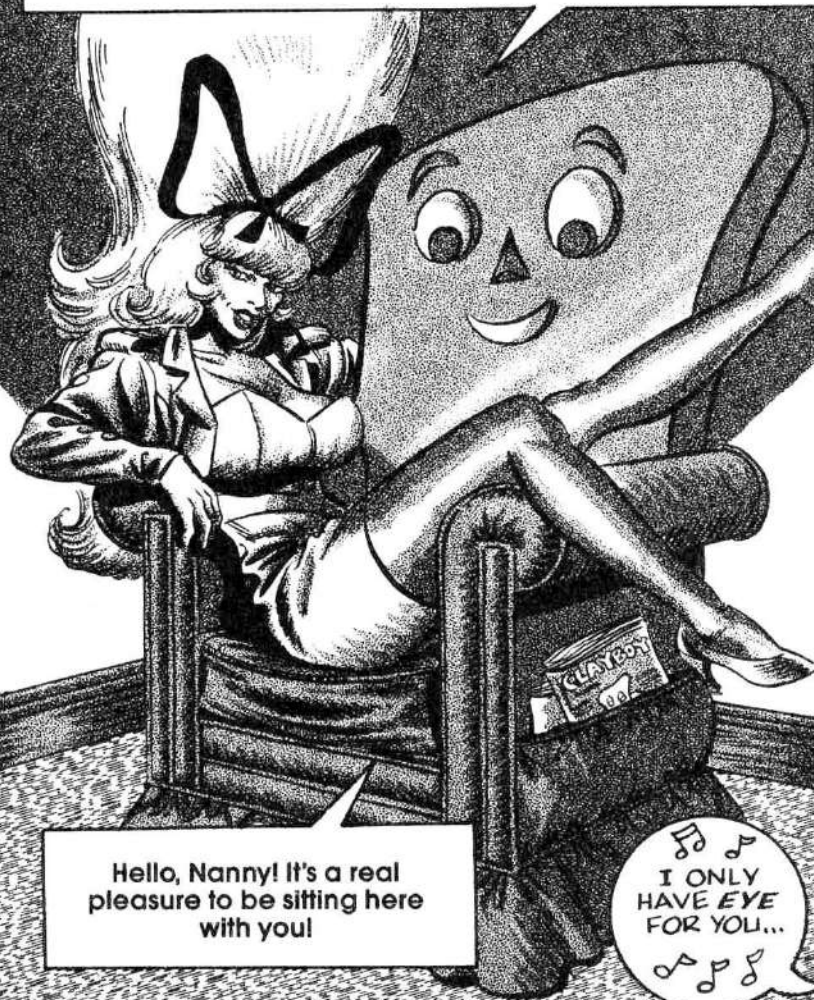
WALT WORKHOSS wins and doesn't waste any time in changing his lifestyle!



And here's what **GUS DUMPER** has to say about his **GOOD LUCK**!



Greetings, fans! Nanny Dickering here with an exclusive scoop with one of the pioneers of kid video! After a lengthy absence from the public eye, this resilient celebrity has stretched his way back into our hearts and to a new generation of viewers! Please join us as...



Hello, Nanny! It's a real pleasure to be sitting here with you!

♪ ♪
I ONLY
HAVE EYE
FOR YOU...
♪ ♪

CRACKED

interviews

GUMMI!

the

CLAYBOY

king!

writer GARY FIELDS ROB
ORZECOWSKI artist

Likewise, Gummi! I understand you are active in animal rights issues! What has motivated you so much?

WHATTA
GOOFY
LOOKIN'
PUPPET!

GUMMI
ANIMAL
RIGHTS

Well, if people have nothing against slaughtering defenseless gummi bears and eating them, where will it end? They might wanna eat me, the original Gummi!

I'm sure the readers would like to know what you've been doing with yourself these past few years that you've been off TV!



I got a few guest shots on *Davey & Goliath* but mostly lived off the residuals from reruns! I went to a lot of auditions and almost got to play the marshmallow man in *Ghostbusters*! For the most part, no one is interested in clay actors!



Judging from your lavish set up here, things have worked out well for you!



Great! I've heard that you were involved in some legal action...Can you elaborate on this?

Certainly! I'm suing the comedian, Eddie Murphy, for his libelous portrayal of me when he was on Saturday Night Live! He made it appear as if I spoke with a foul mouth! As you know, I never @#&in swear!

Did you win the case?

No...their lawyers proved that if not for Murphy's imitation of me, I (and Buckwheat, for that matter) would still be living on skid-row!



Speaking of "skid", do you think you could do me a favor and do your "GummiWalk" for our readers?

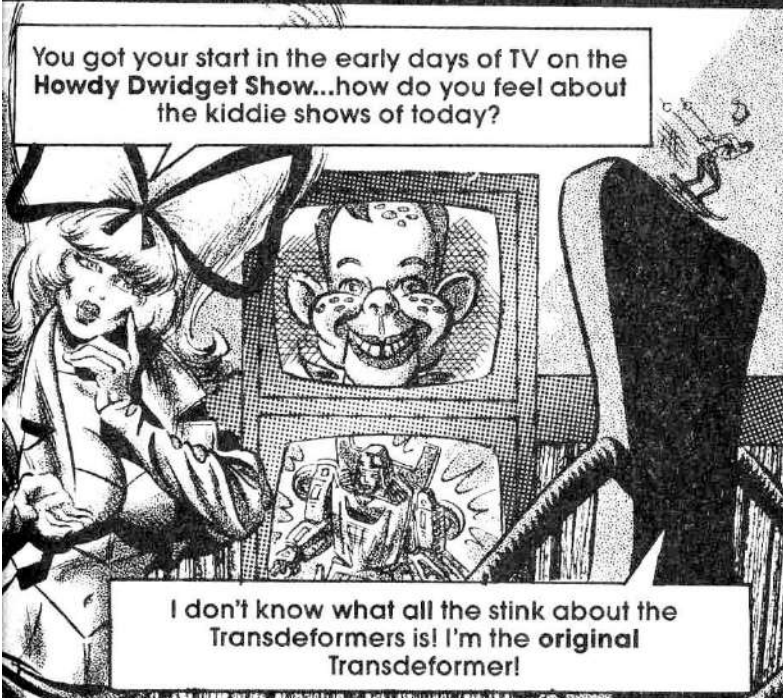
WHY DO ALL MY HEROES HAVE FEET OF CLAY?

Sure! This little walk has become my trademark! May I add that this step influenced Michael Jackson's "moonwalk" more than a little?



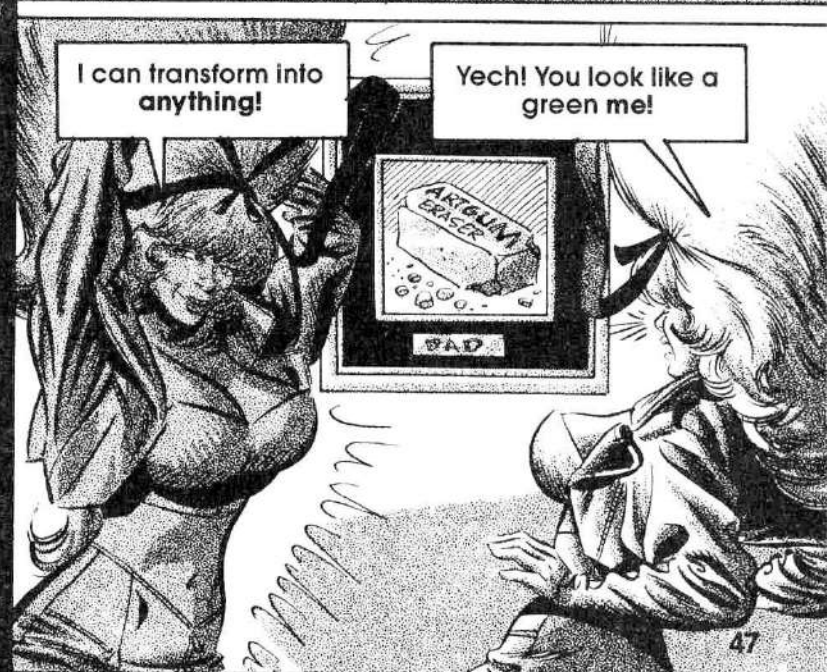
I'm sure all of our readers are wondering where your horsey sidekick, Pookie, has been hiding lately!

Sadly, Pookie is no longer with us! We were out jogging one afternoon when one of the wires in his leg broke! And you know what happens to horses with broken legs! We sent him to a rubber cement factory!



You got your start in the early days of TV on the Howdy Dwidget Show...how do you feel about the kiddie shows of today?

I don't know what all the stink about the Transformers is! I'm the original Transformer!



I can transform into anything!

Yech! You look like a green me!

Getting back to your question, I've never really been a fan of animated cartoons! I prefer films starring my ol' clay actor buddies!



There's definitely a new-found interest in clay animation! My niece, Pennyeyes, got a job on Pee-Yoo's Playhouse! There're more clay players in commercials, too!

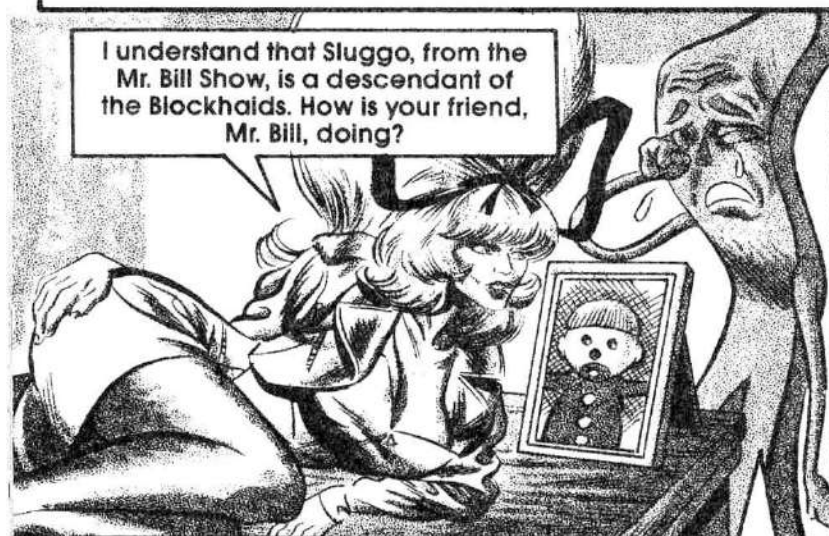
My ol' enemies, the Blockheads, haven't aged too well, but they have developed their singing abilities!

I HEAR GUMMI GOT BITTEN BY THE MUSIC BUG ONCE AND TRIED TO FORM A RUBBER BAND!



Maybe you've seen some of their commercials on TV!

I understand that Sluggo, from the Mr. Bill Show, is a descendant of the Blockheads. How is your friend, Mr. Bill, doing?



Poor Bill! I trained him to be my replacement, Gummi Junior, but he couldn't fill my green, rubber, flared trousers! Last I heard, Bill was recuperating at the Animated Character Clinic!

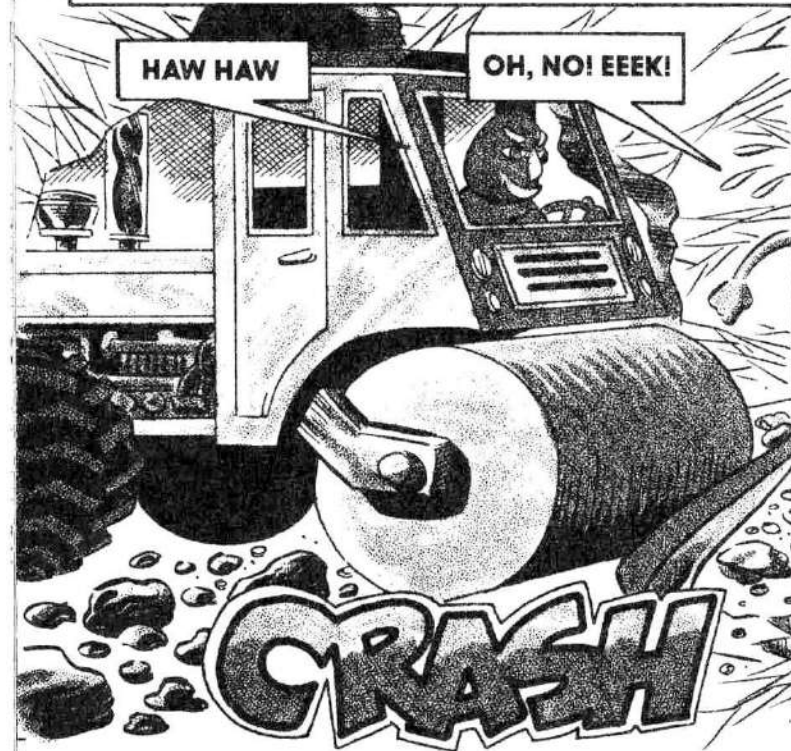
That Sluggo sure is one mean hunk of clay! Why if he was here now, I'd really let him...



Well, surprise! We've invited Sluggo to this interview!

HAW HAW

OH, NO! EEEK!



I hope you've enjoyed this smashing interview with the king of claymation, Gummi! Until next time, bye!



RODDY & DON

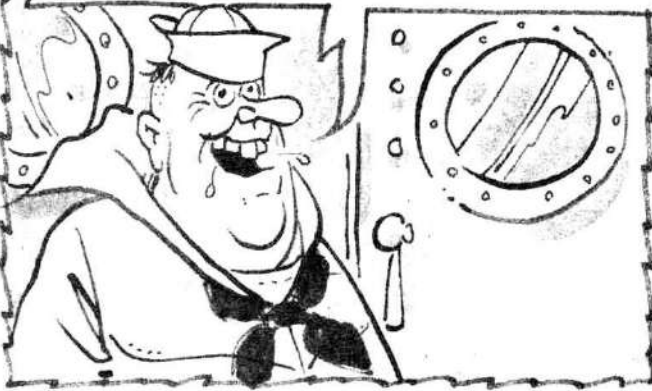


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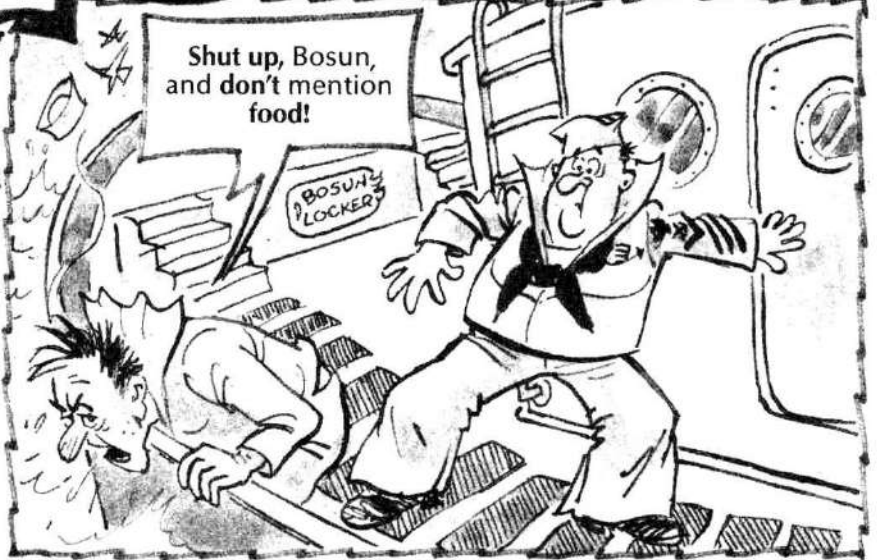
SHUTUPS



We're having my favorite breakfast...bacon, fried eggs, flap jacks and sausages!



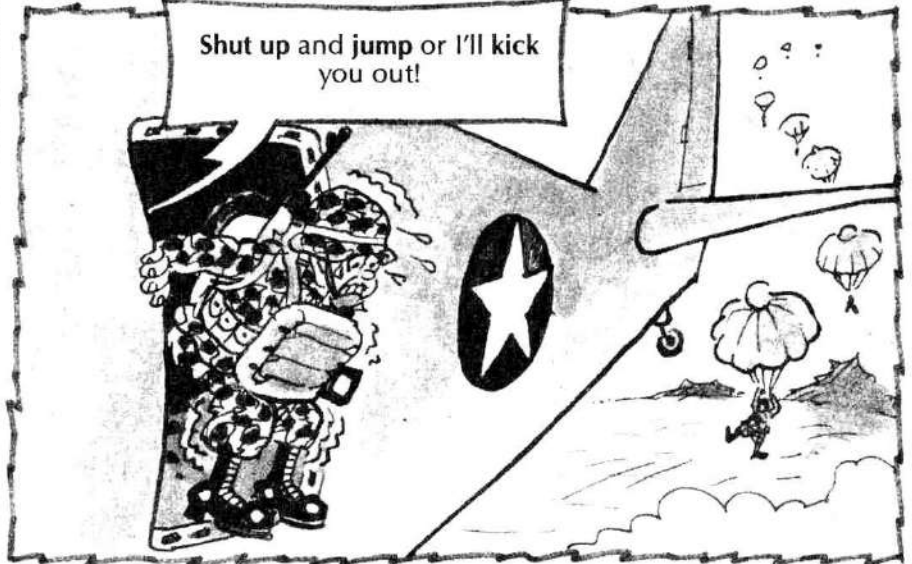
Shut up, Bosun, and don't mention food!



I never was a dropout in my life and I don't intend to start now, Sarge!



Shut up and jump or I'll kick you out!



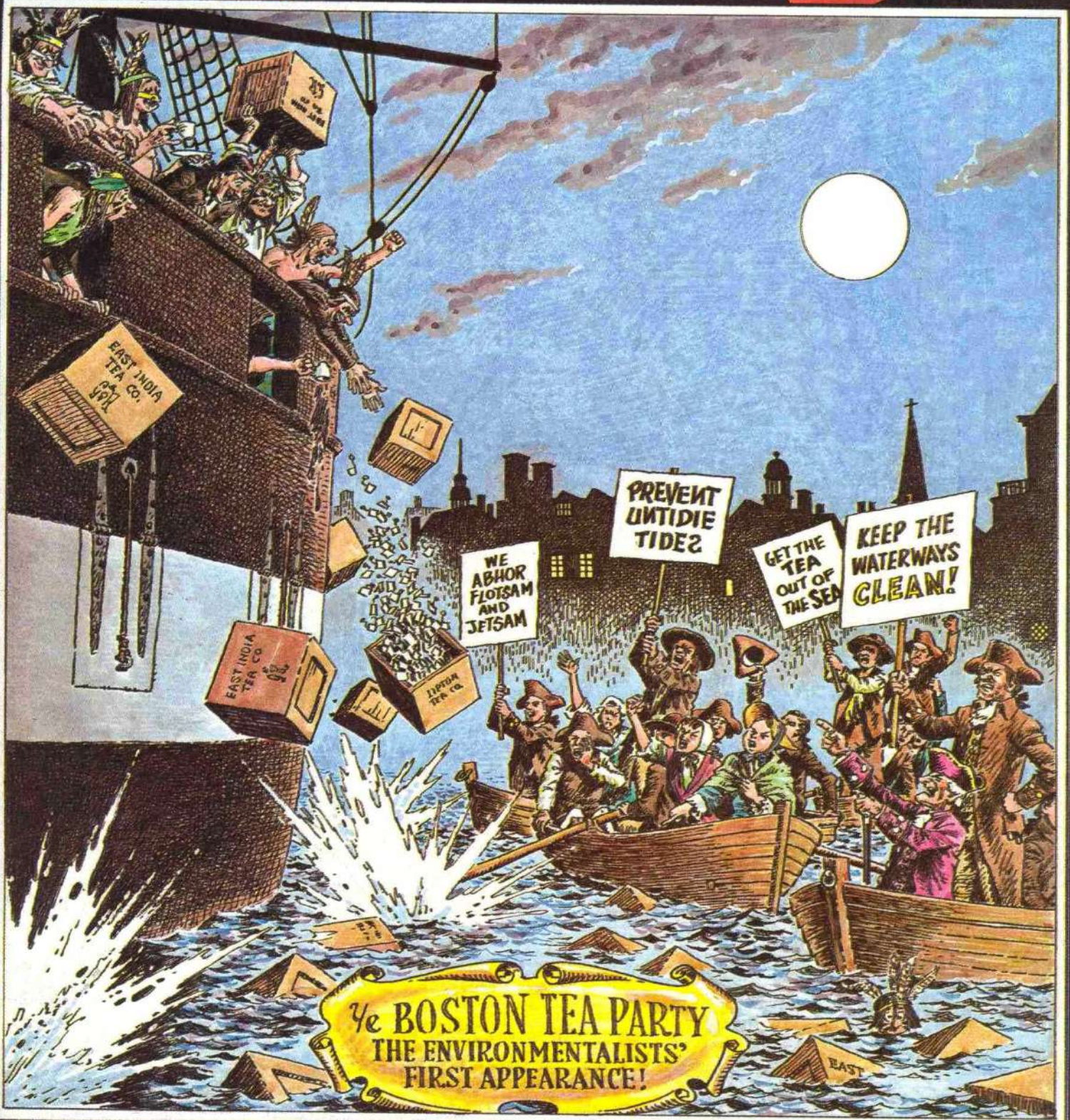
The pheasant under glass was okay, but a little too gritty!

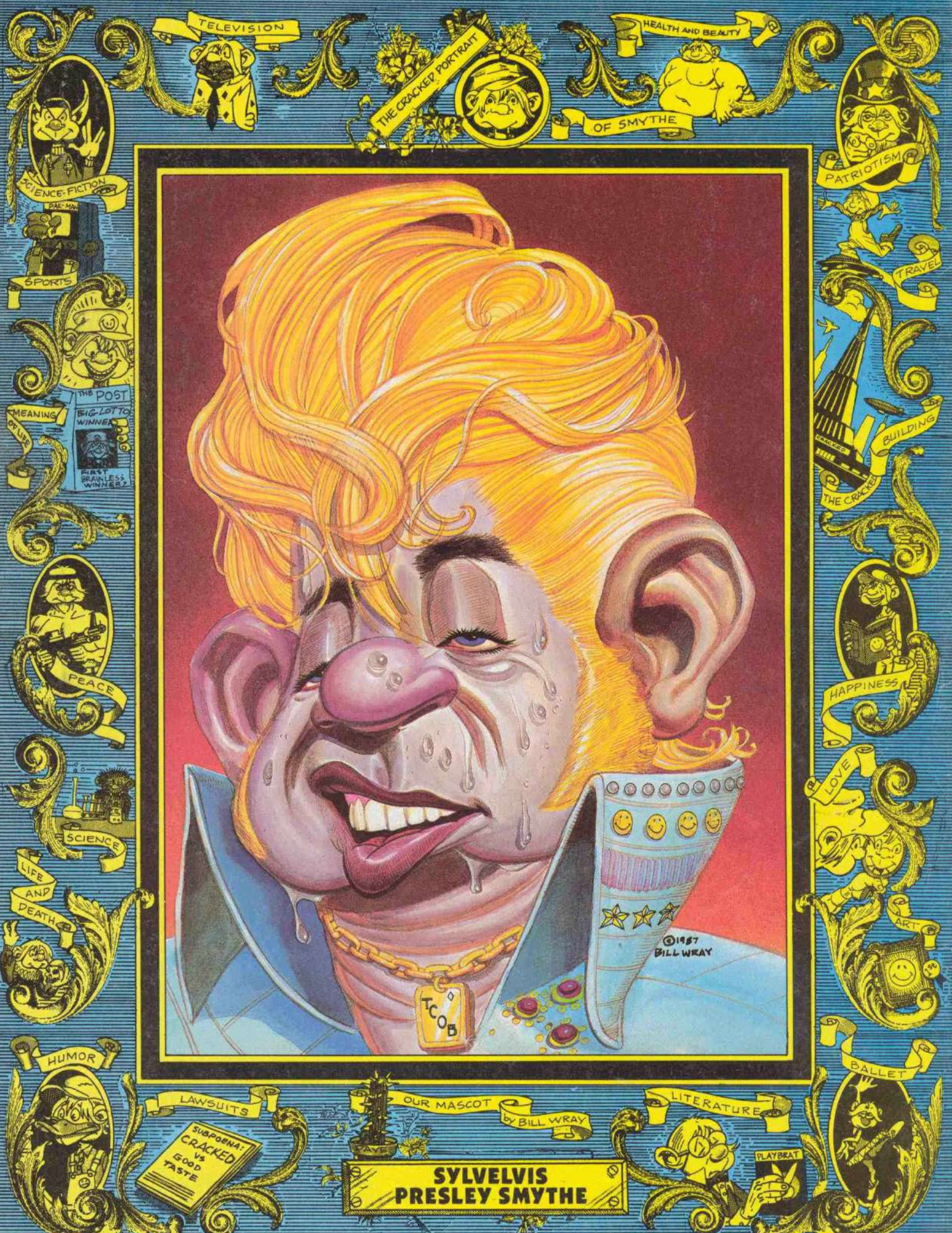


Shut up, dum dum! You aren't supposed to eat the glass, too!



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